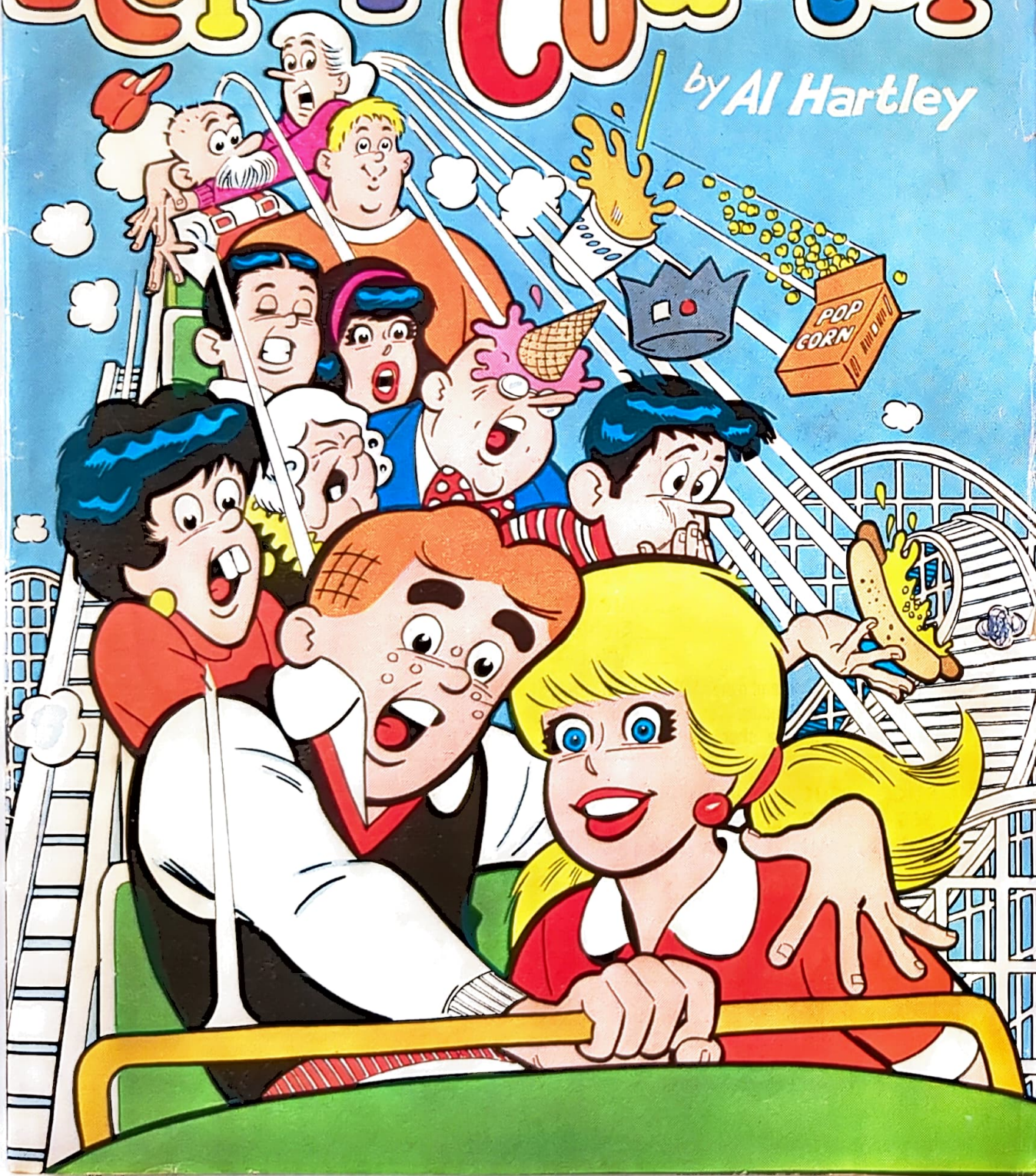


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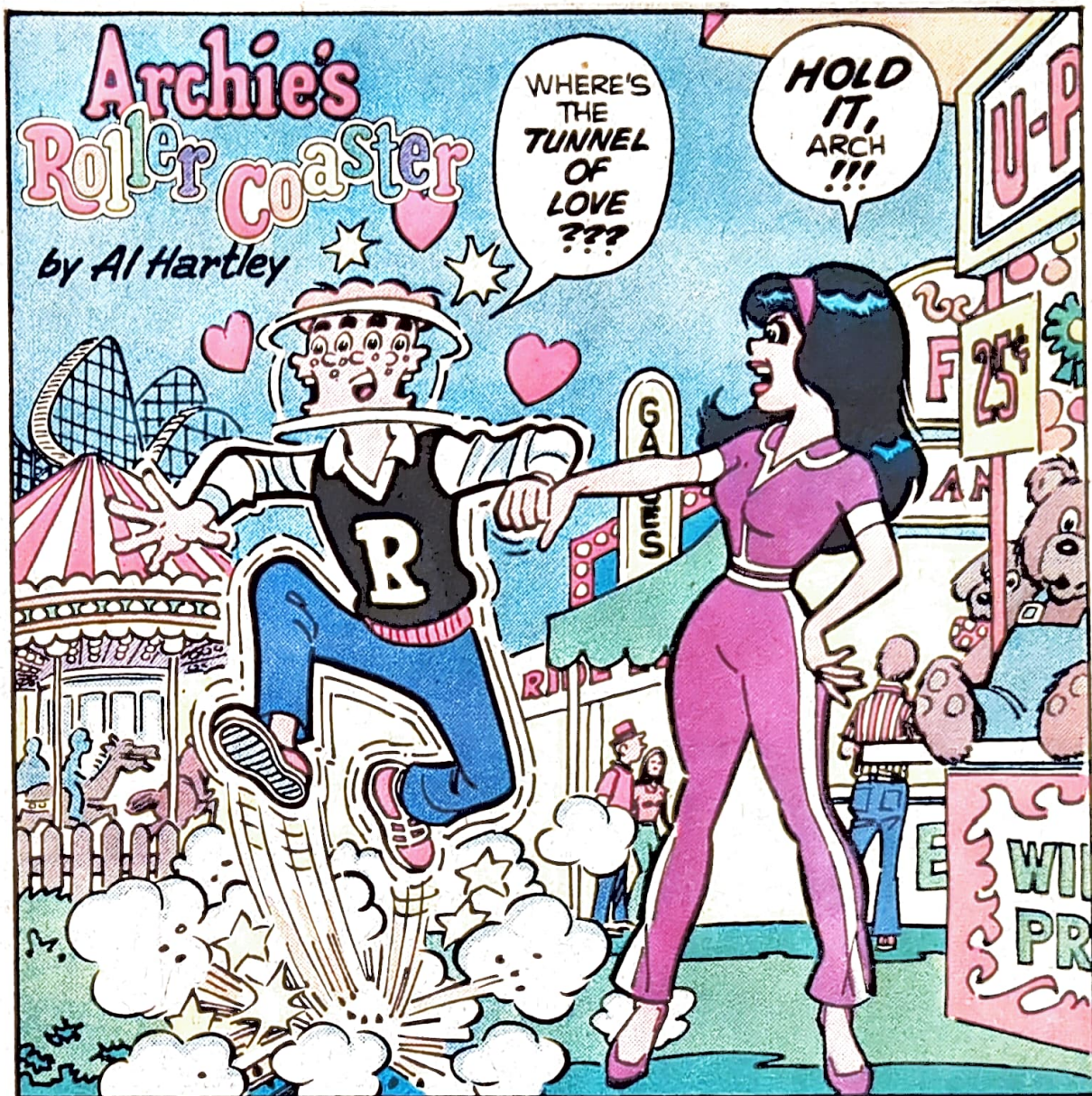
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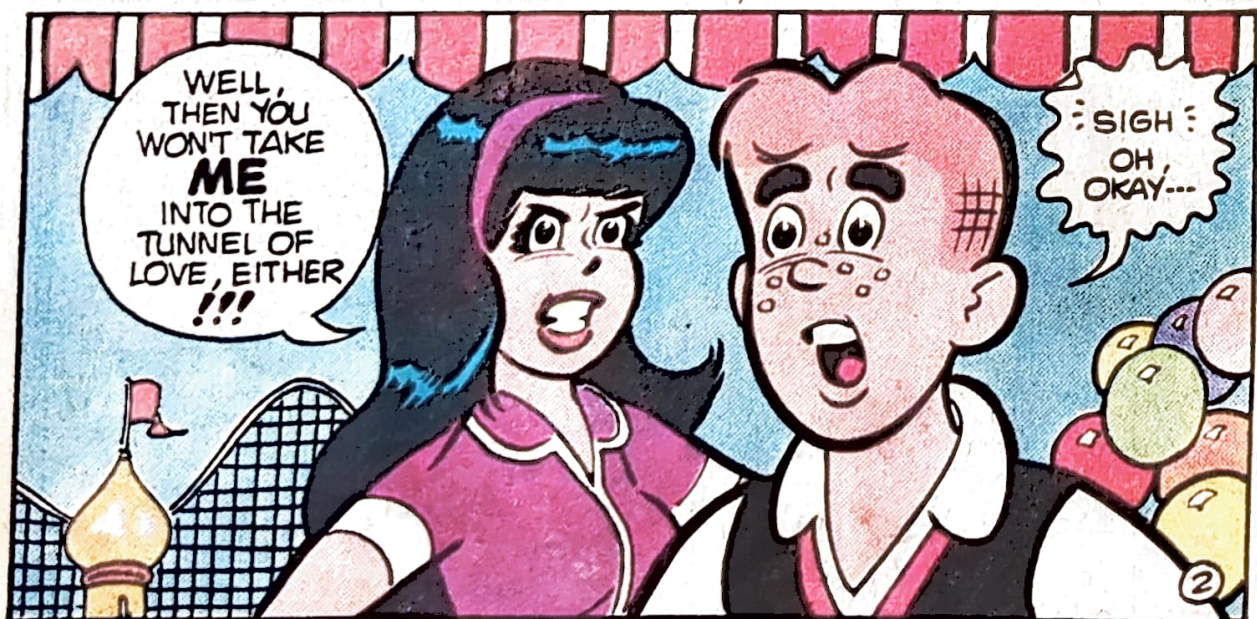
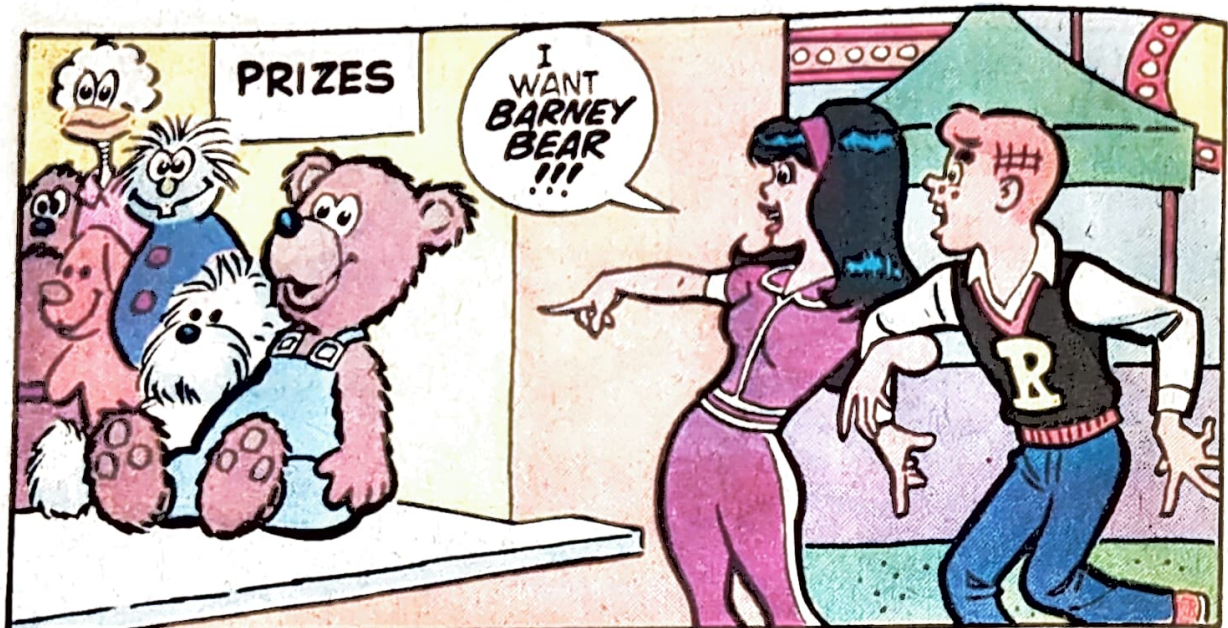
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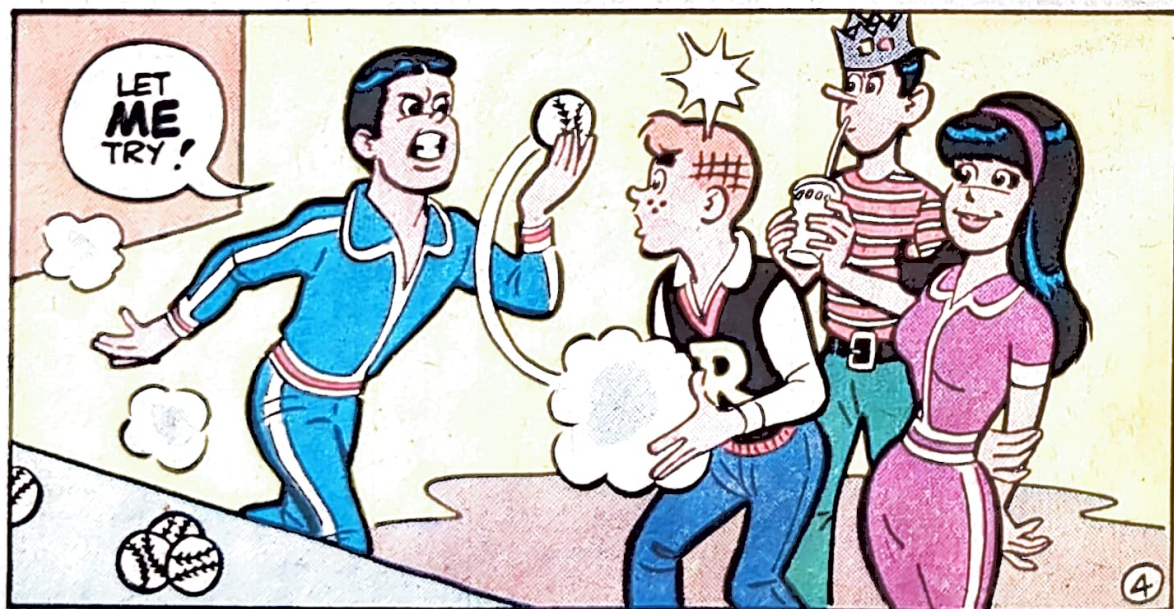
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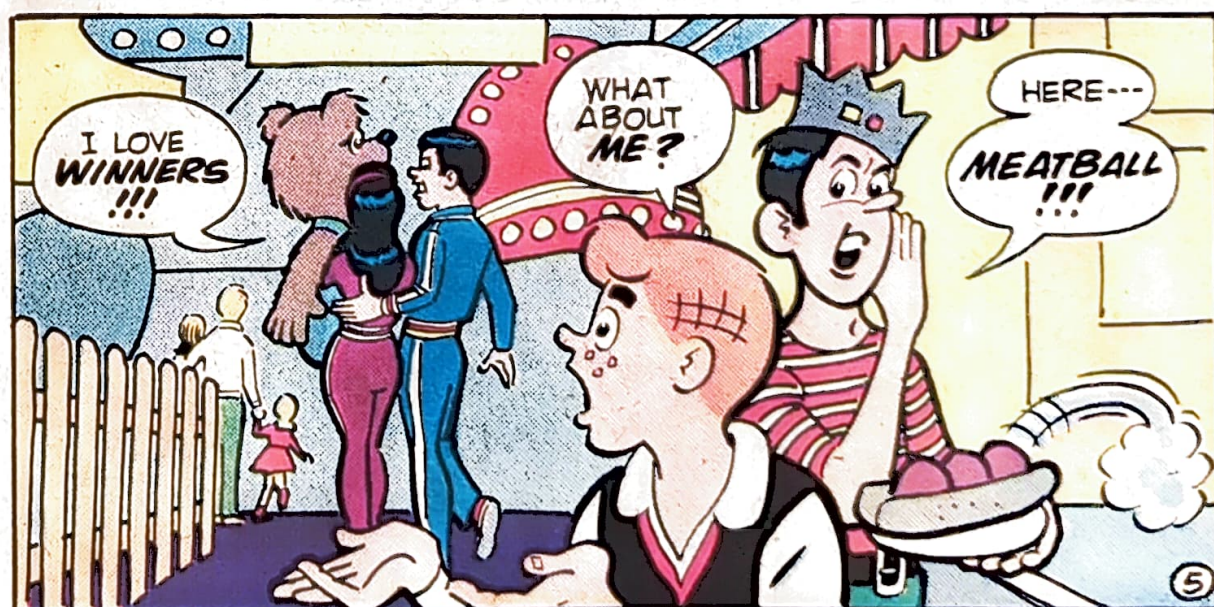
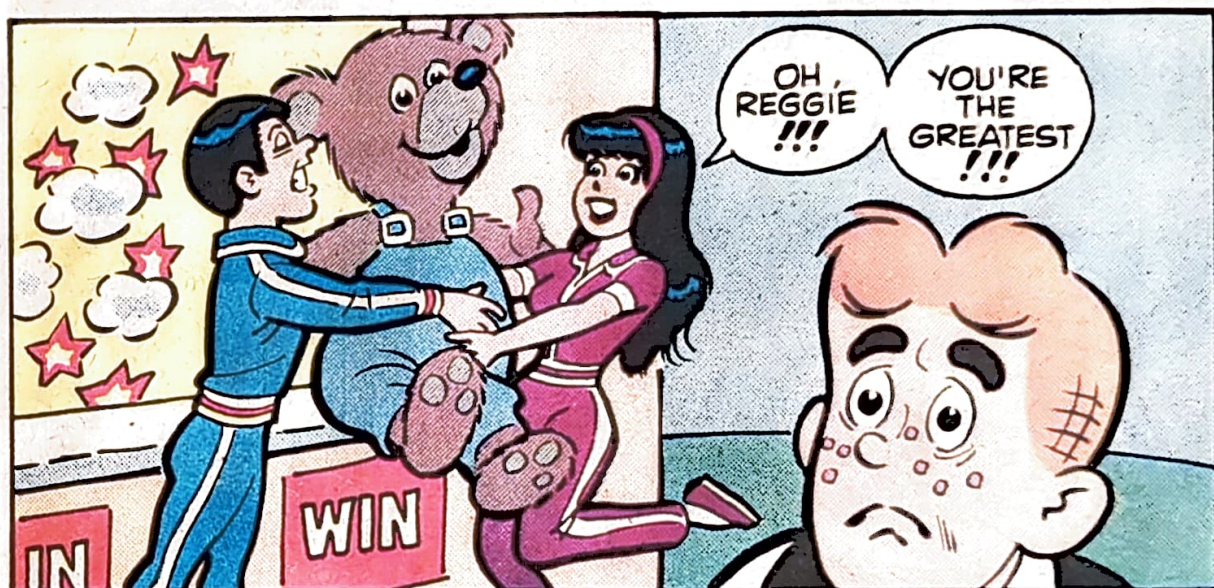
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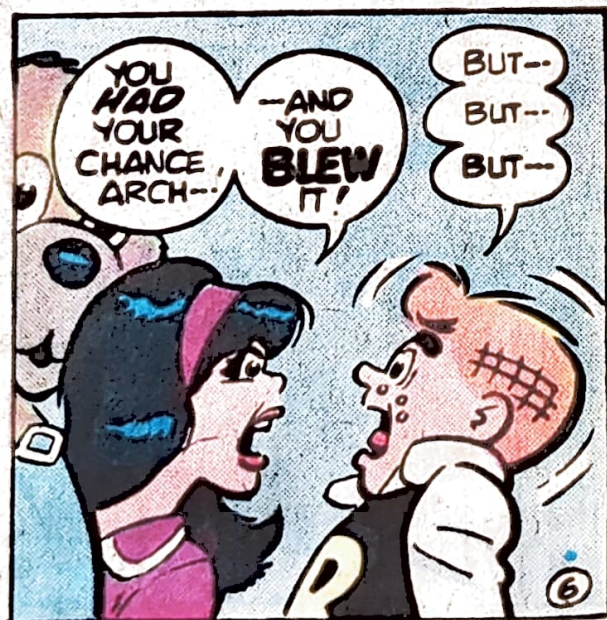
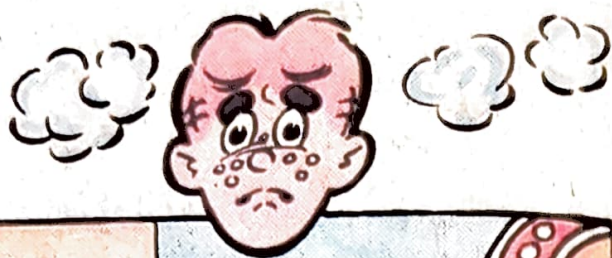


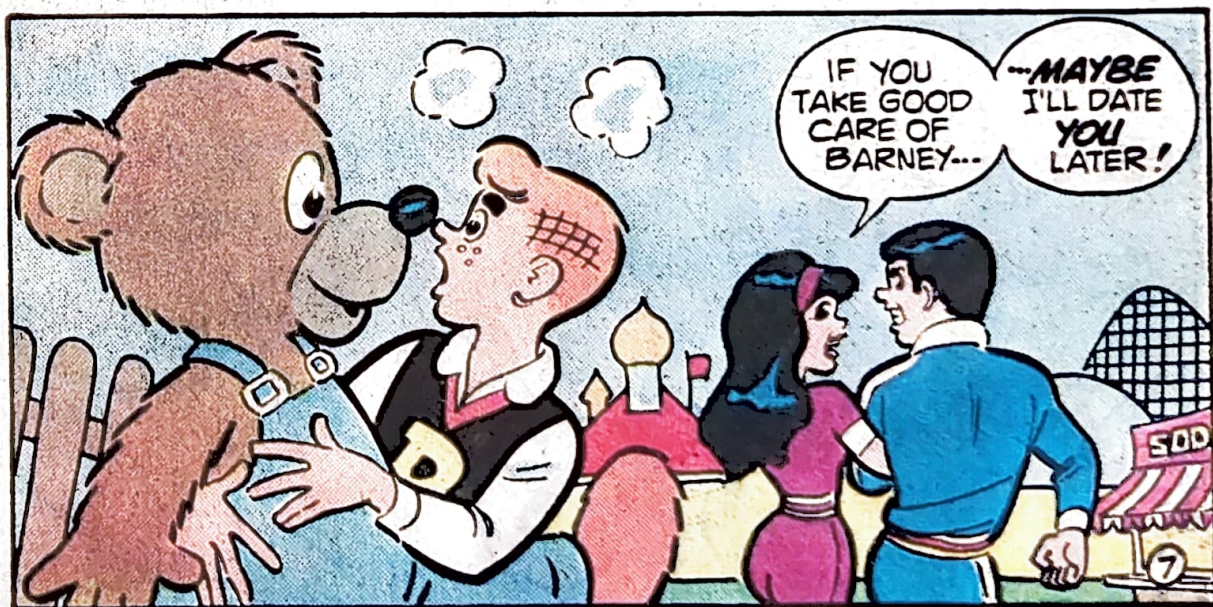
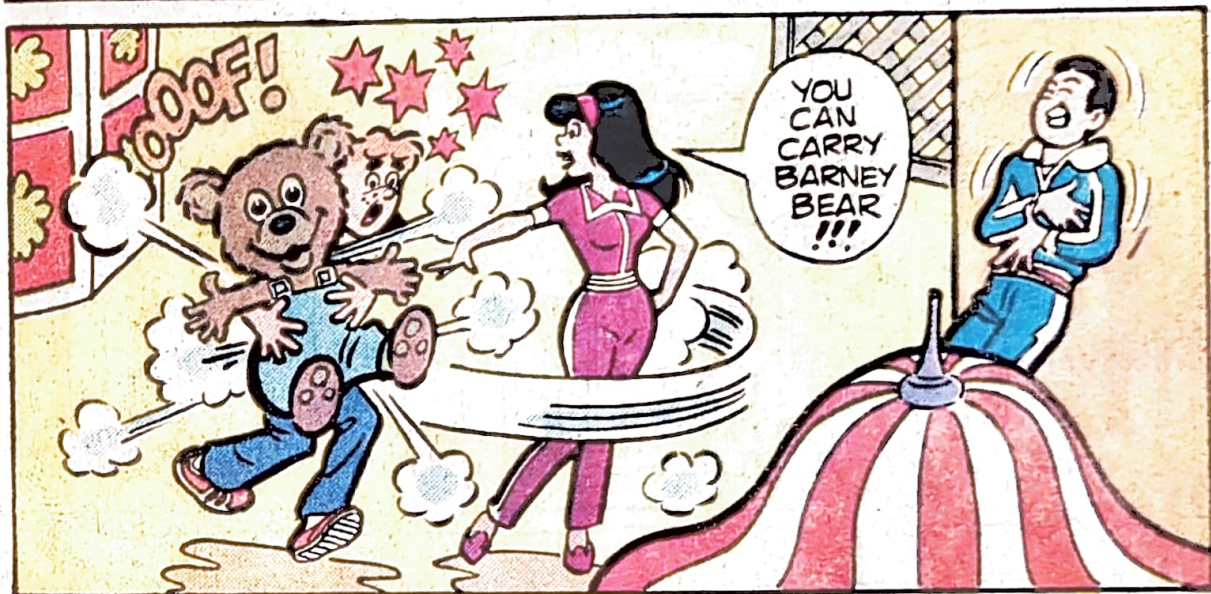
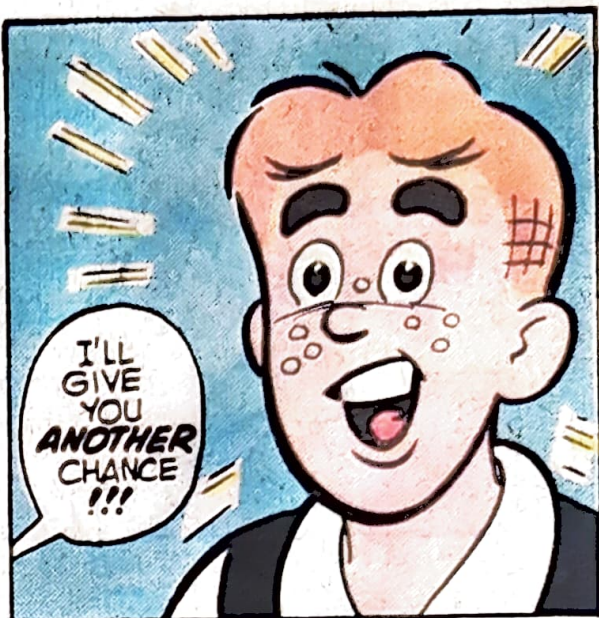


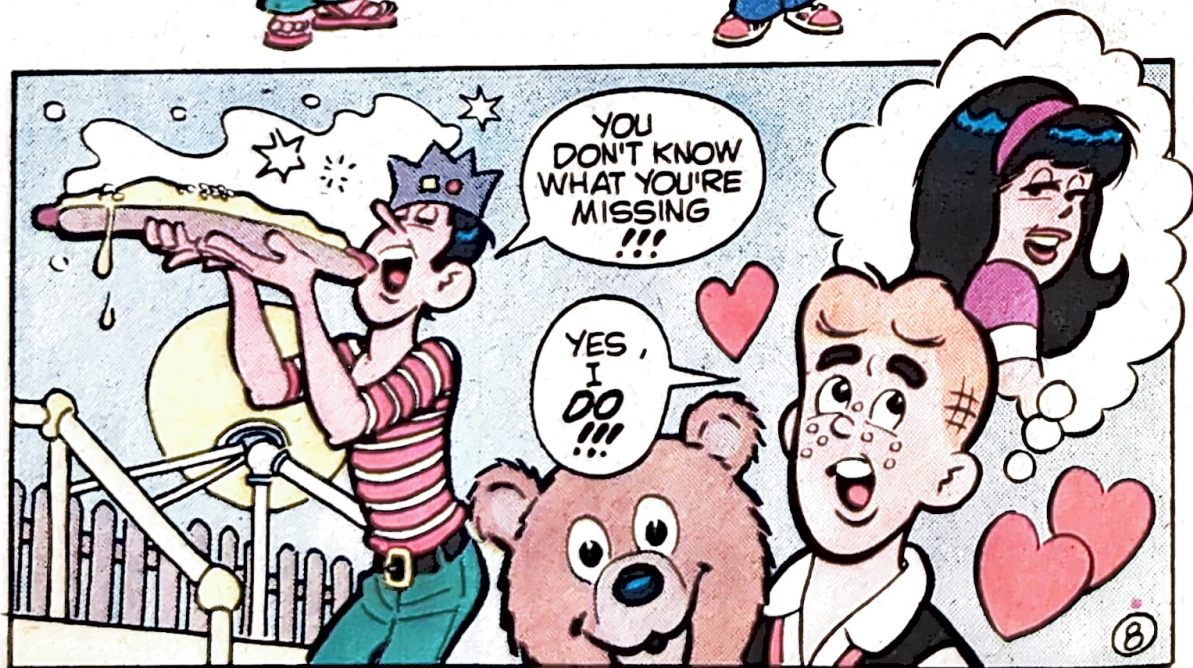
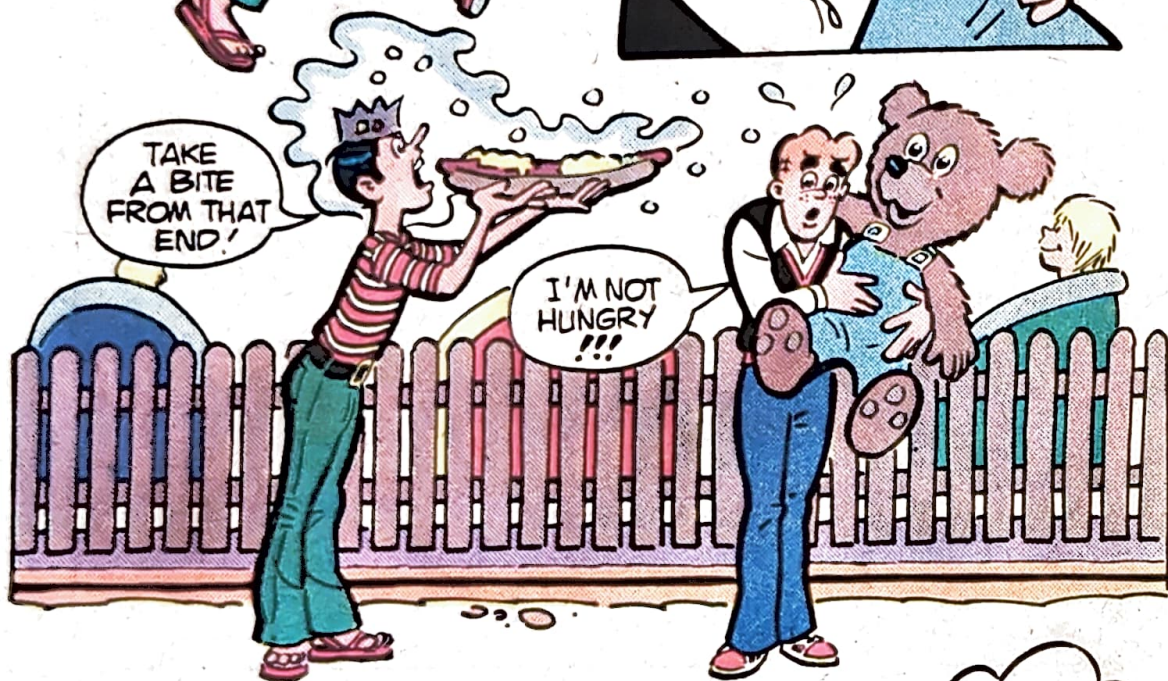
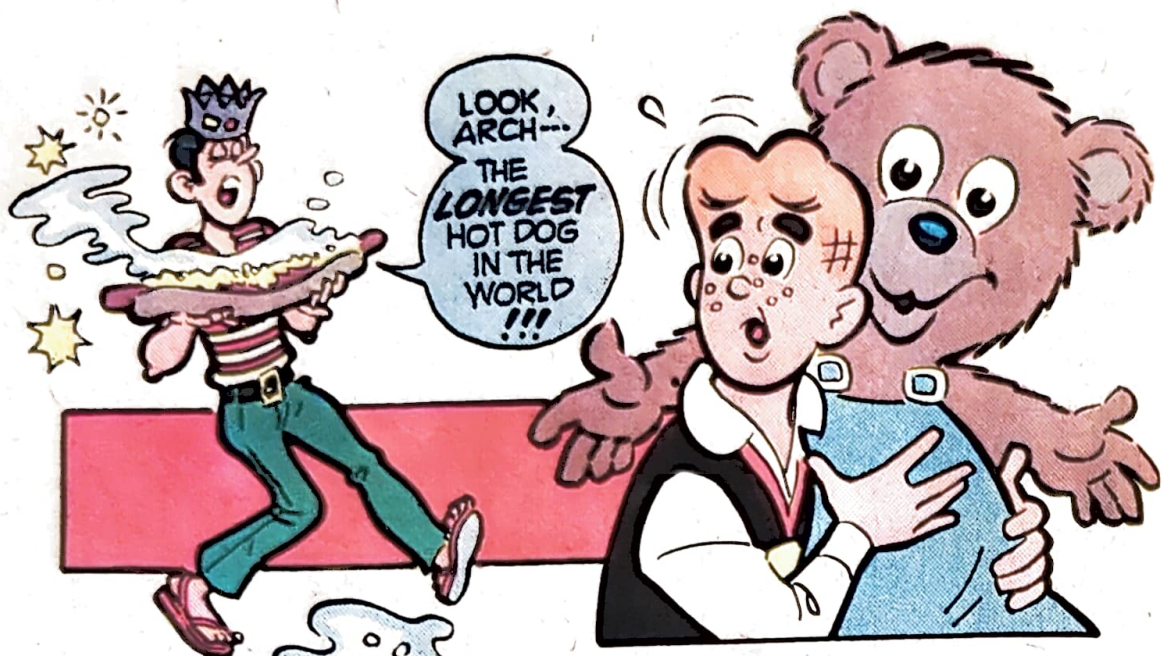


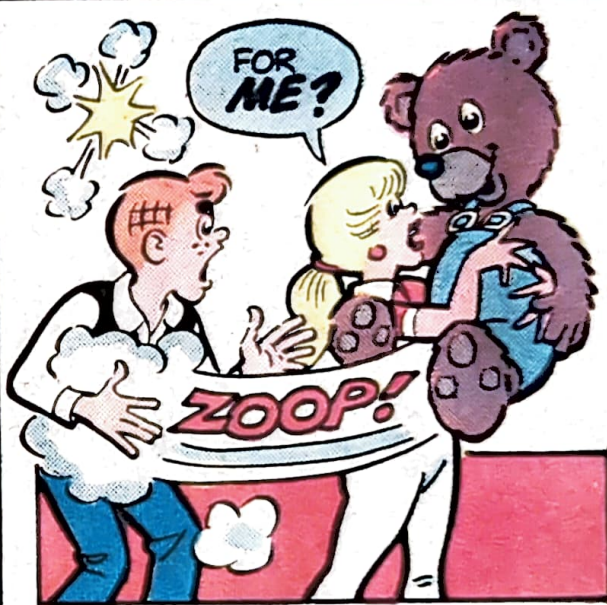
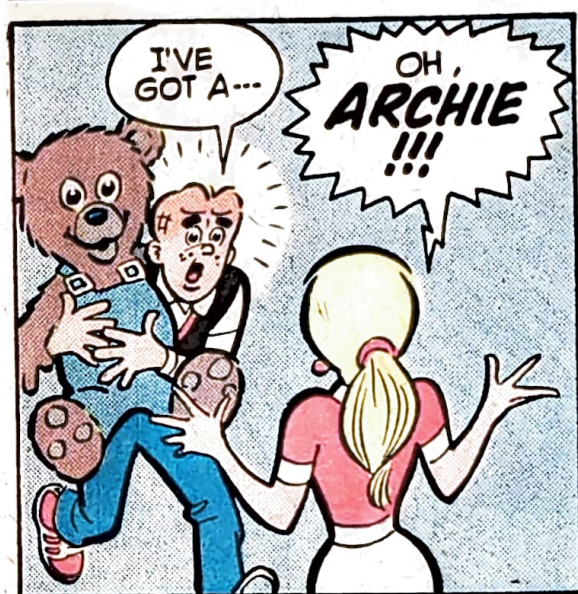


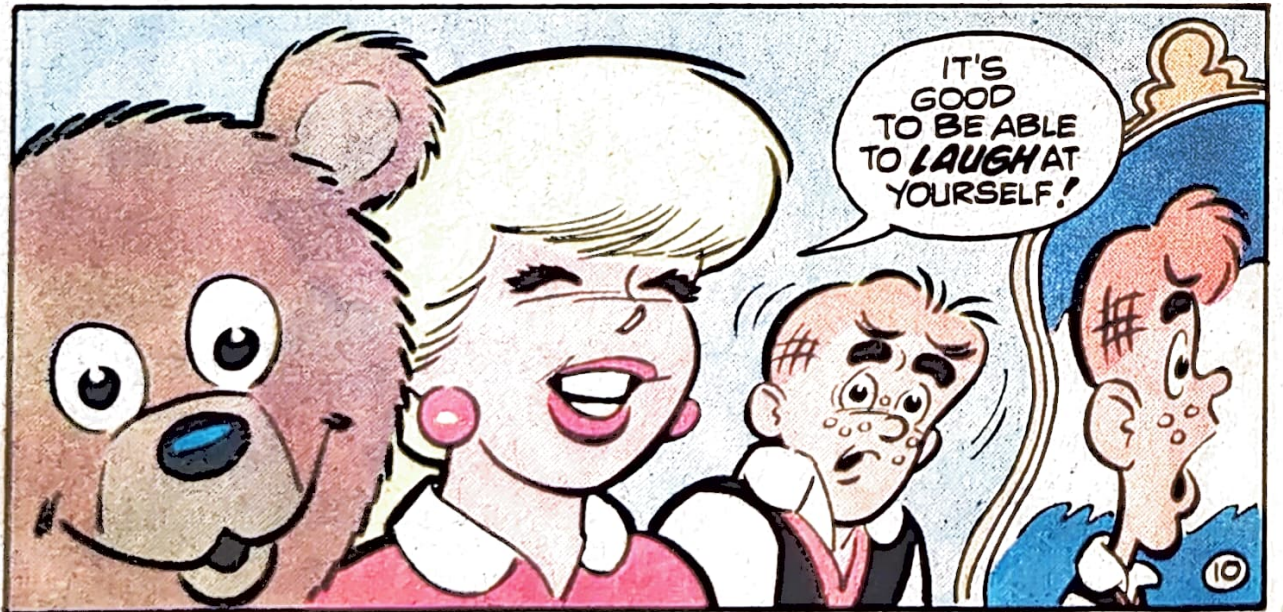
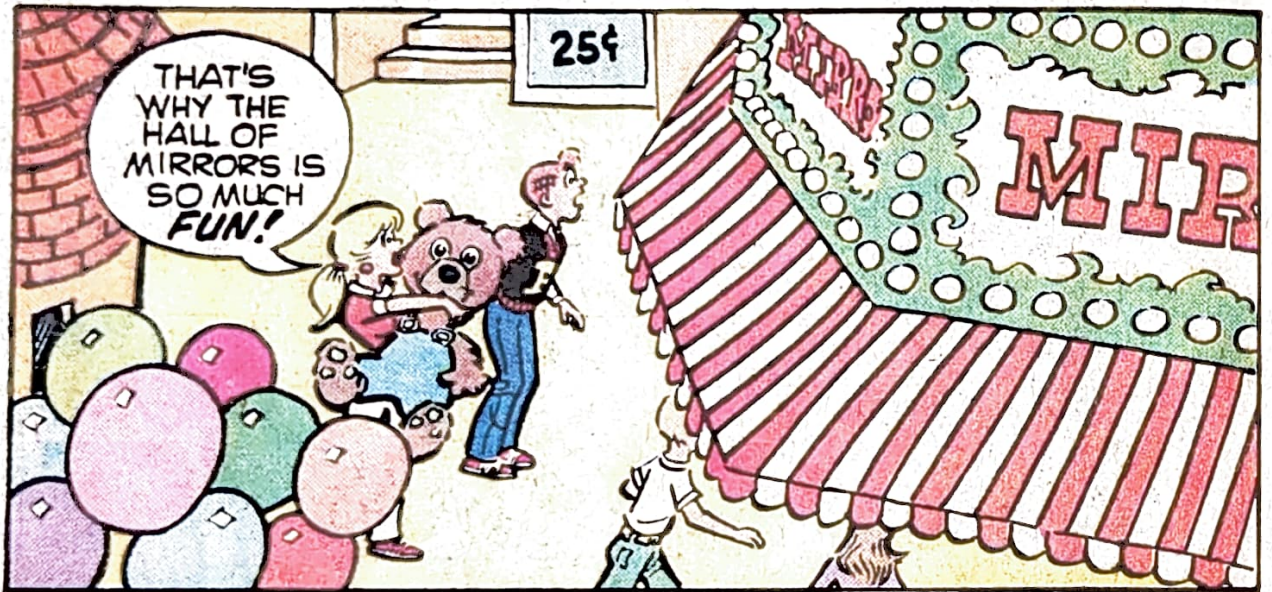
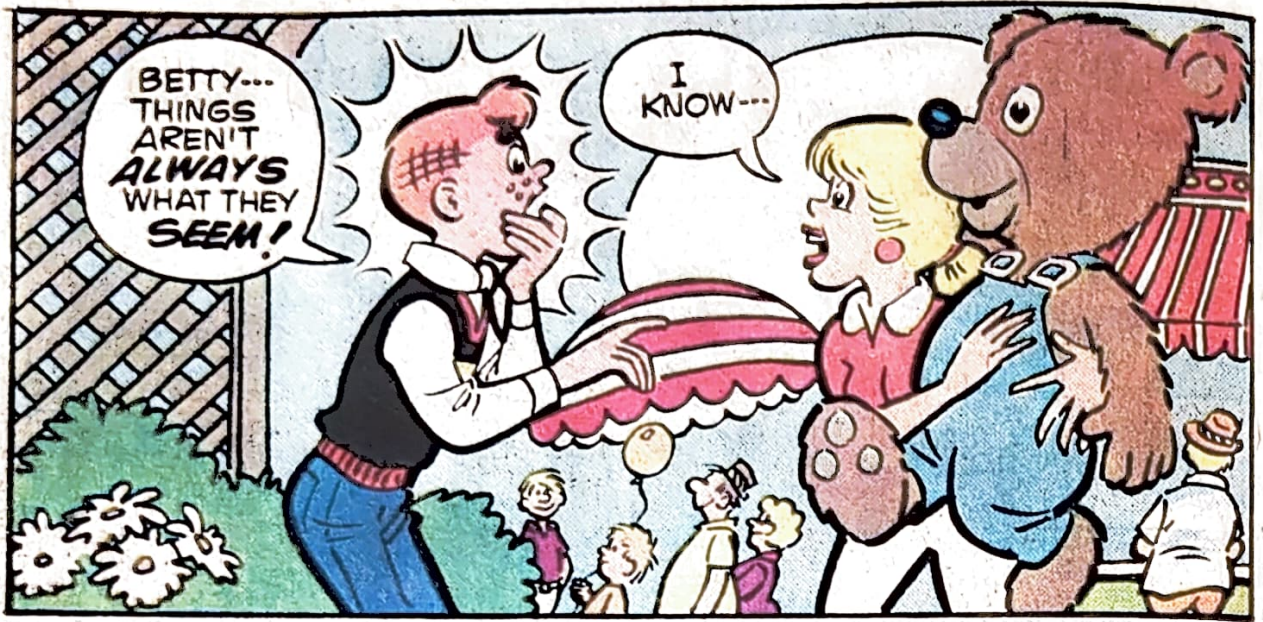
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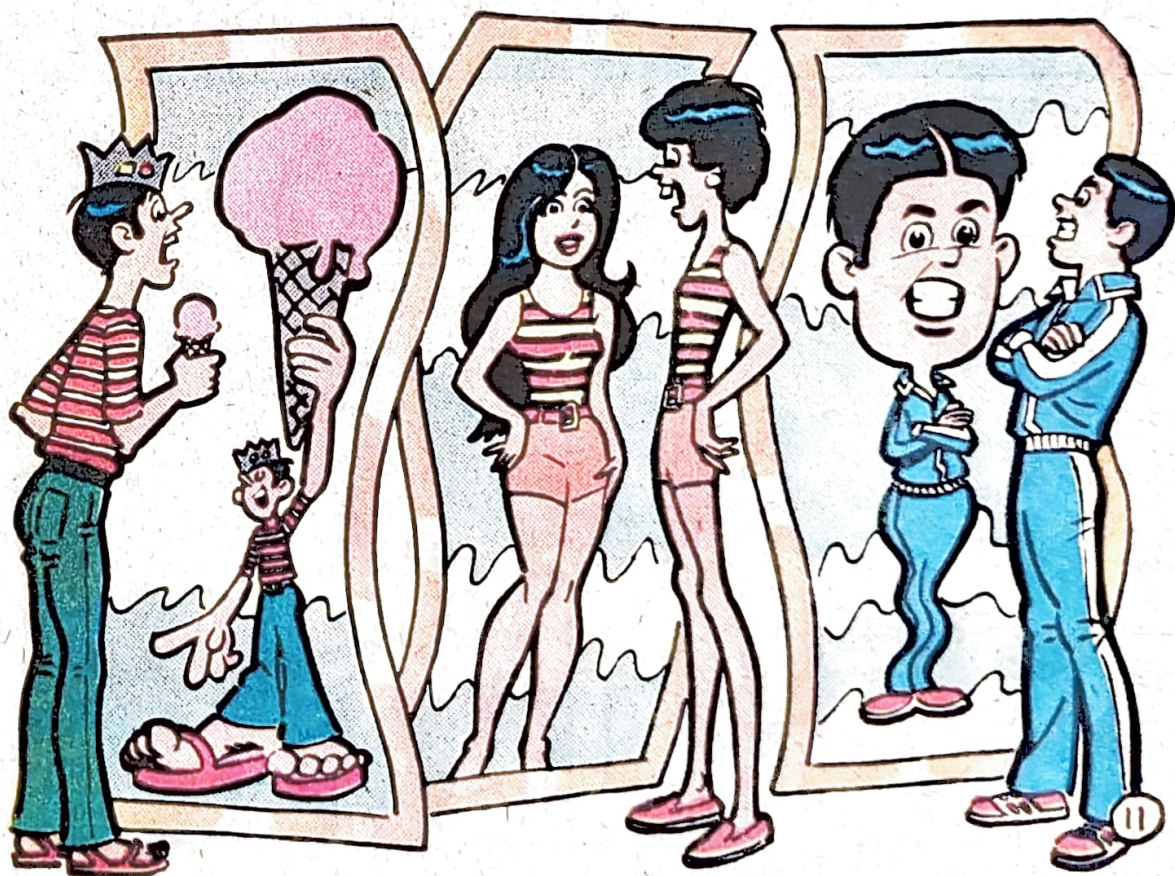
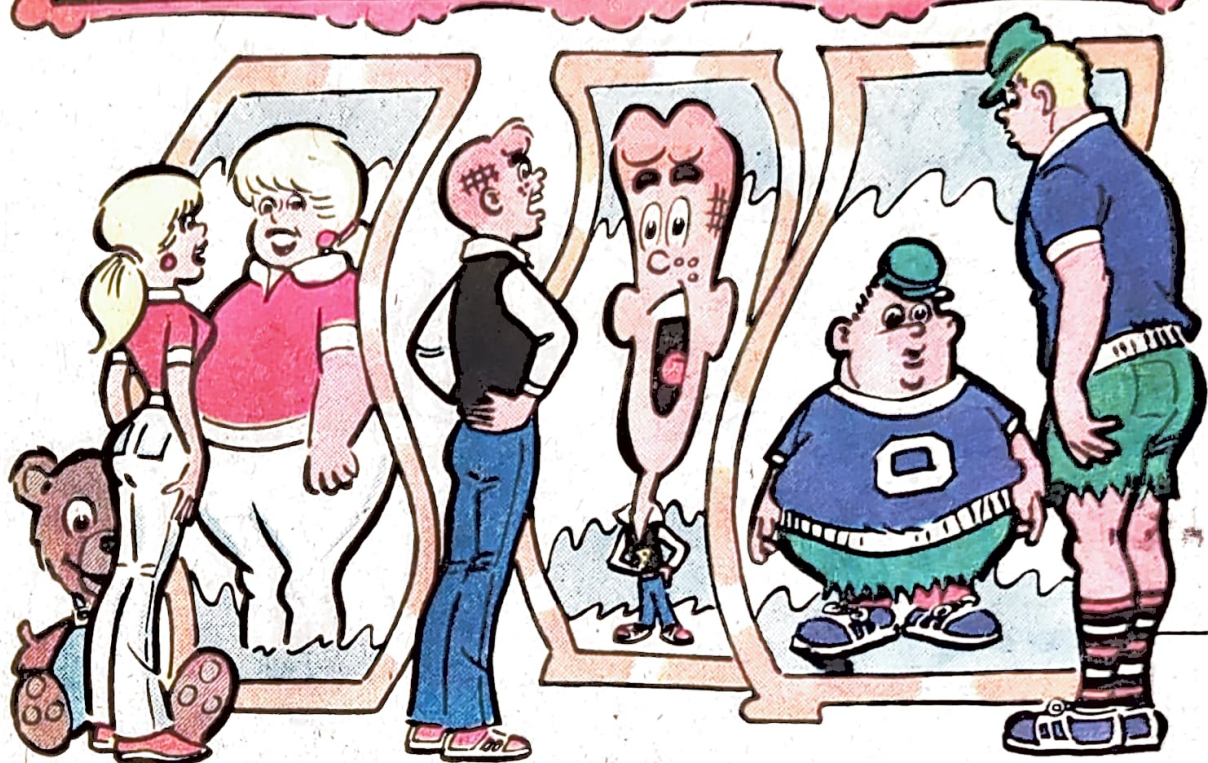


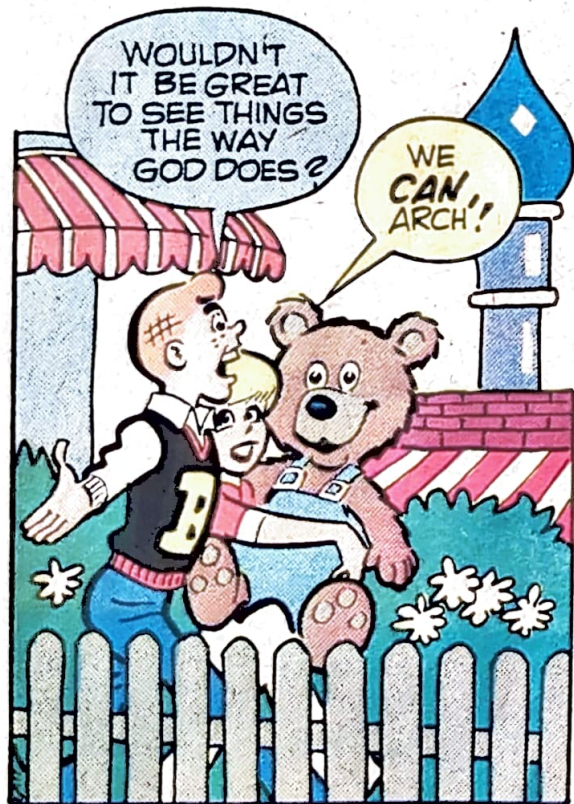
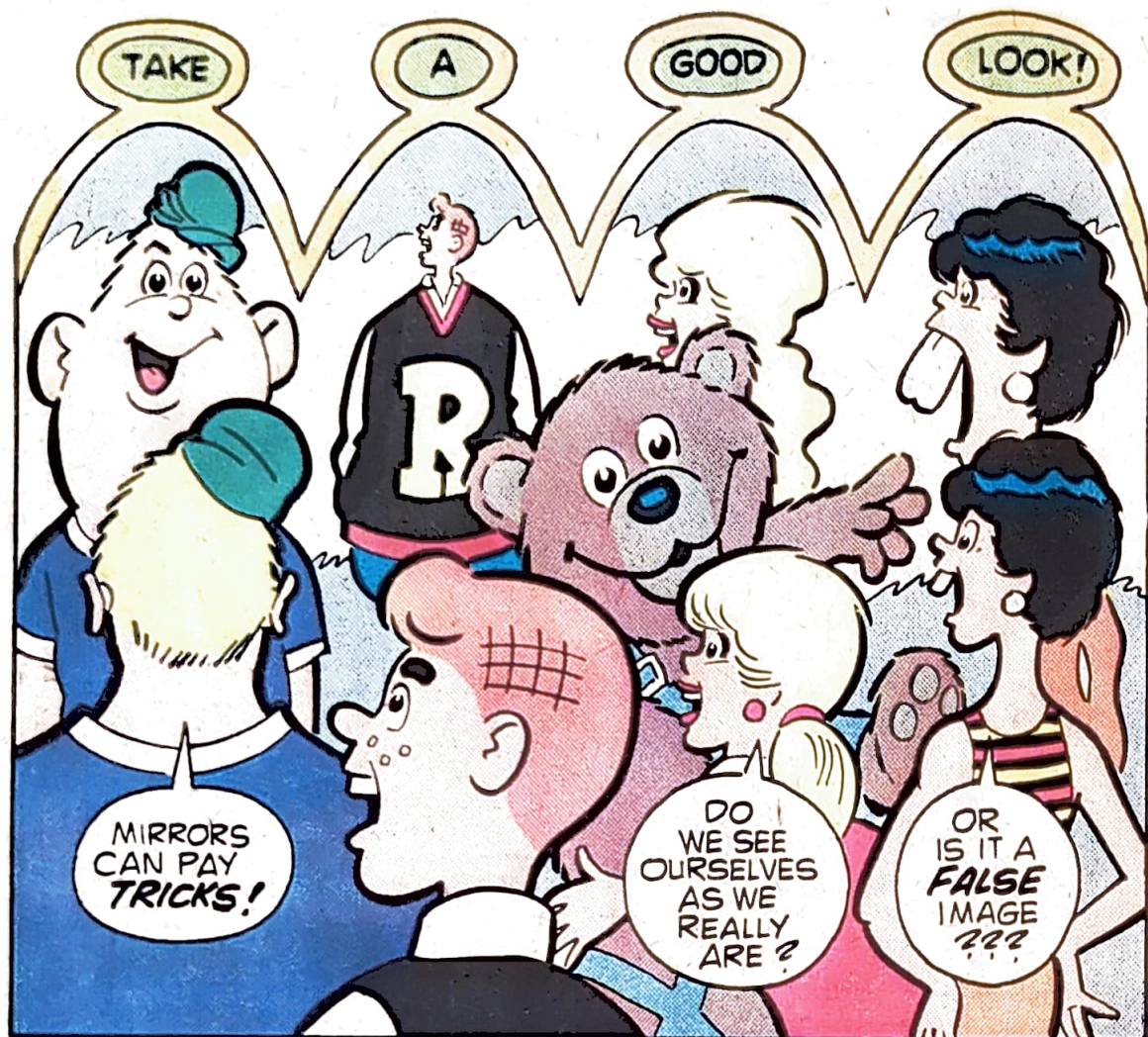


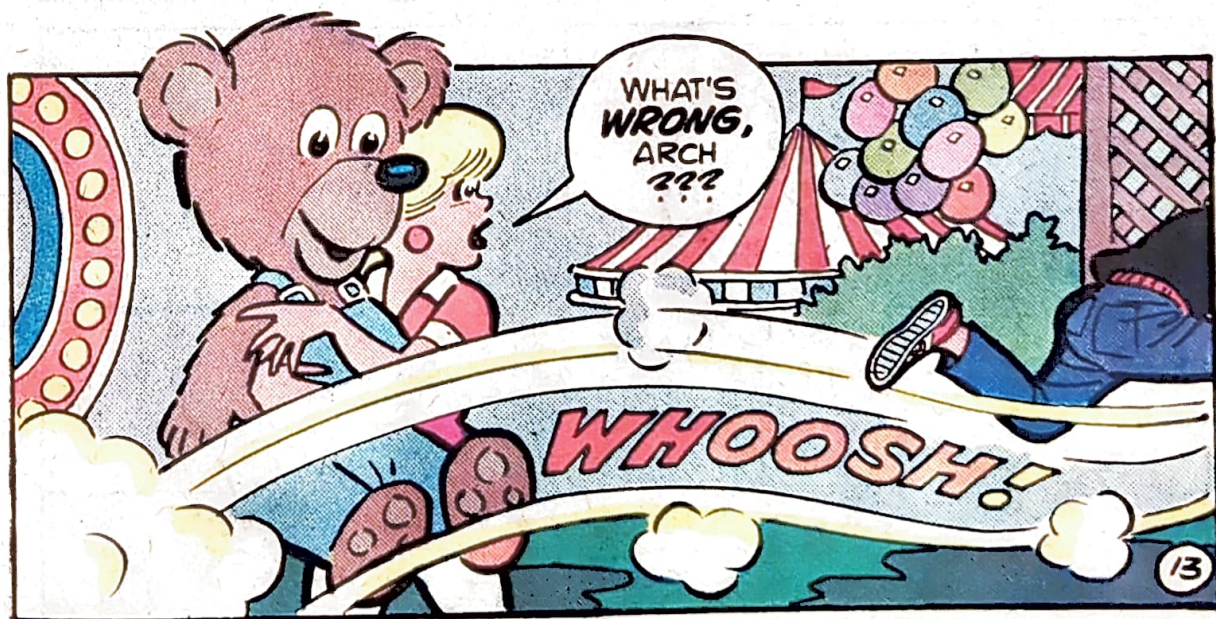
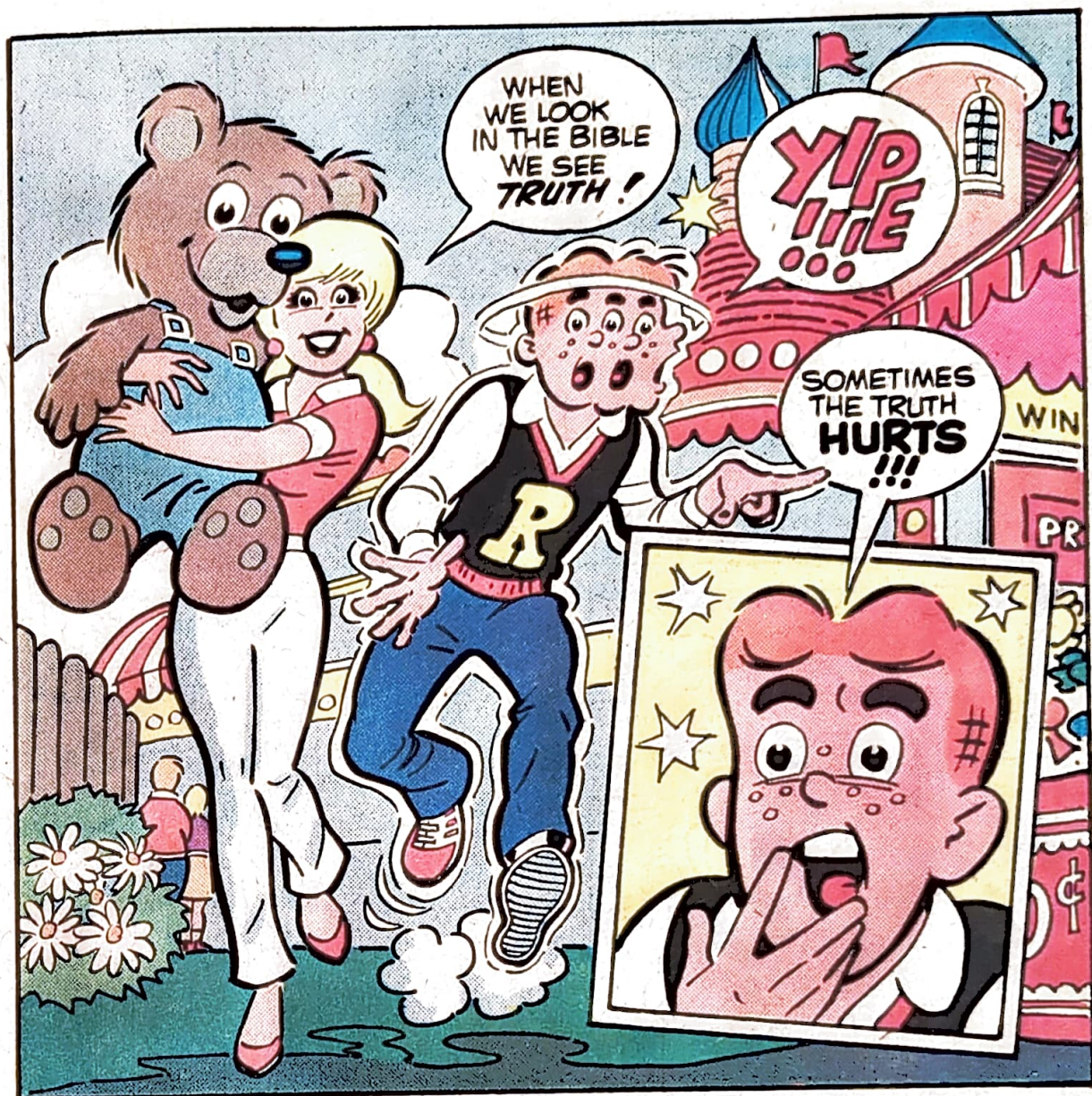


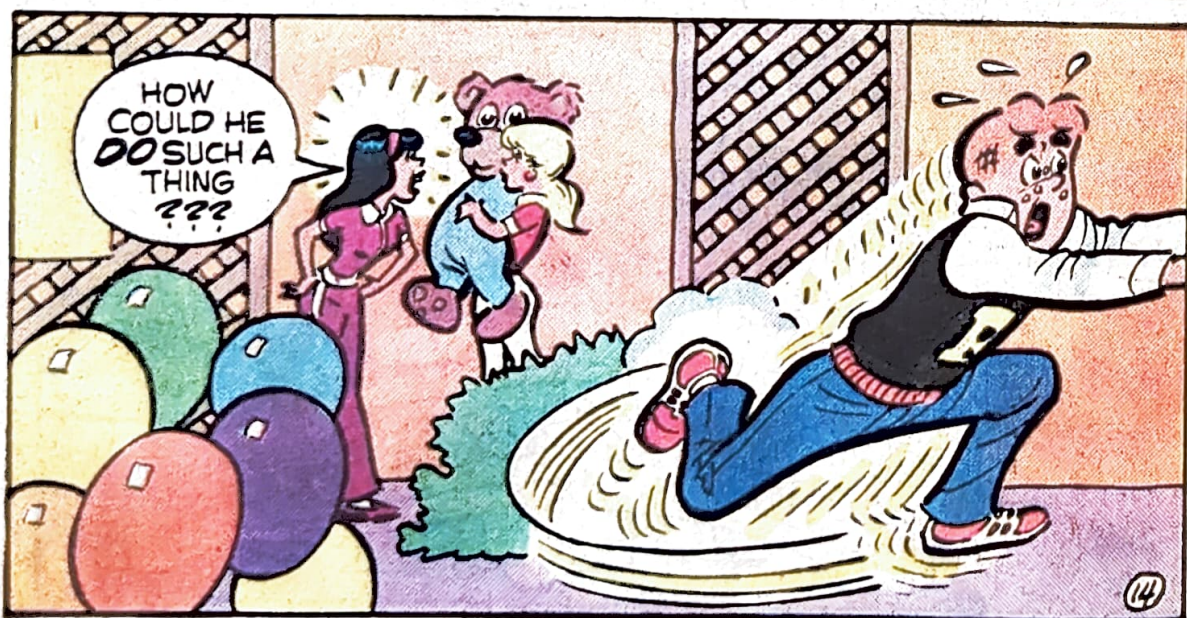
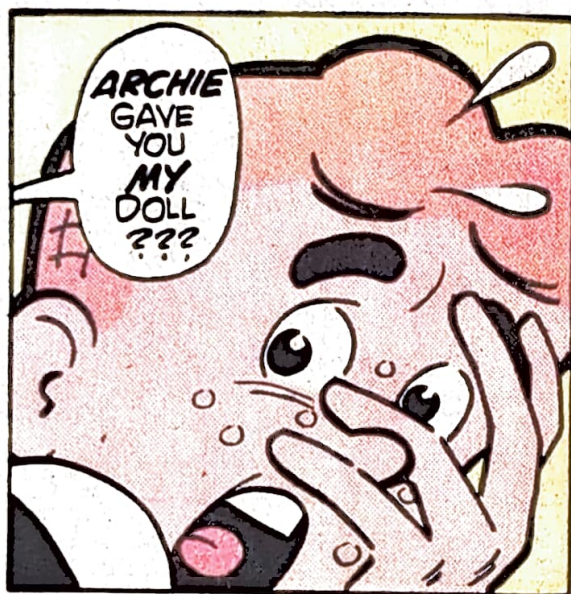
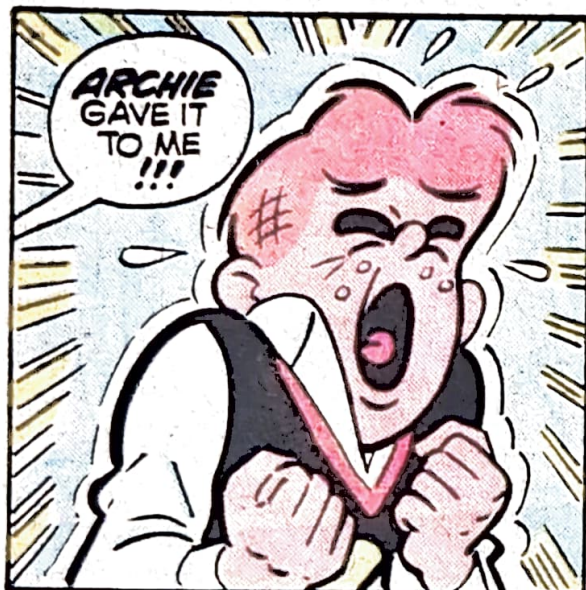
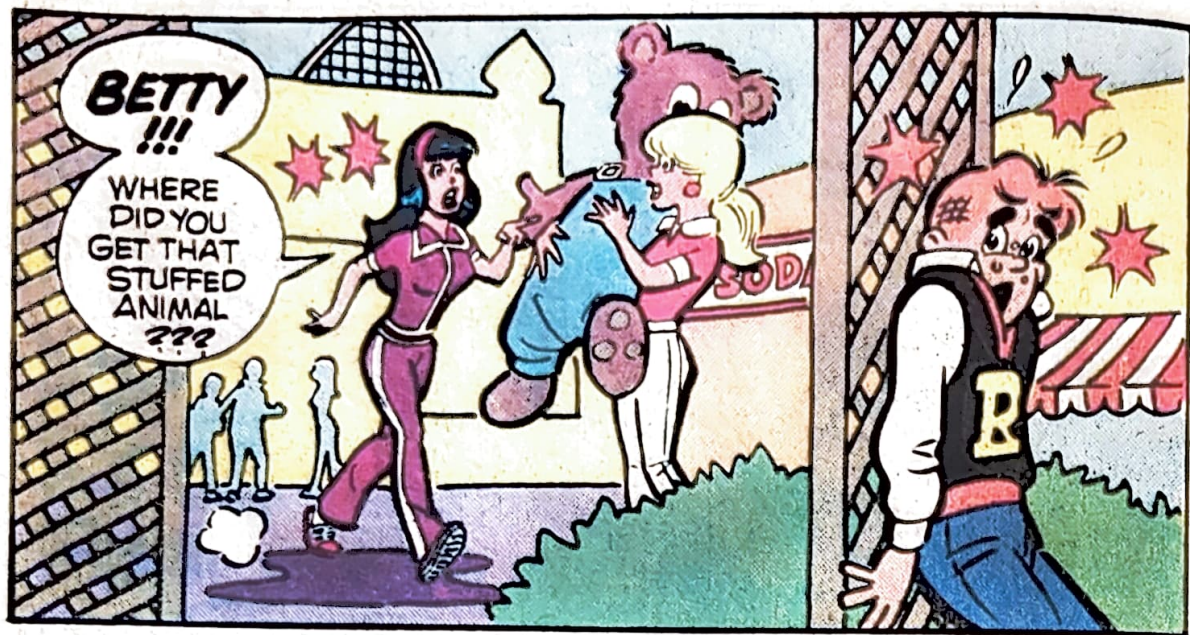


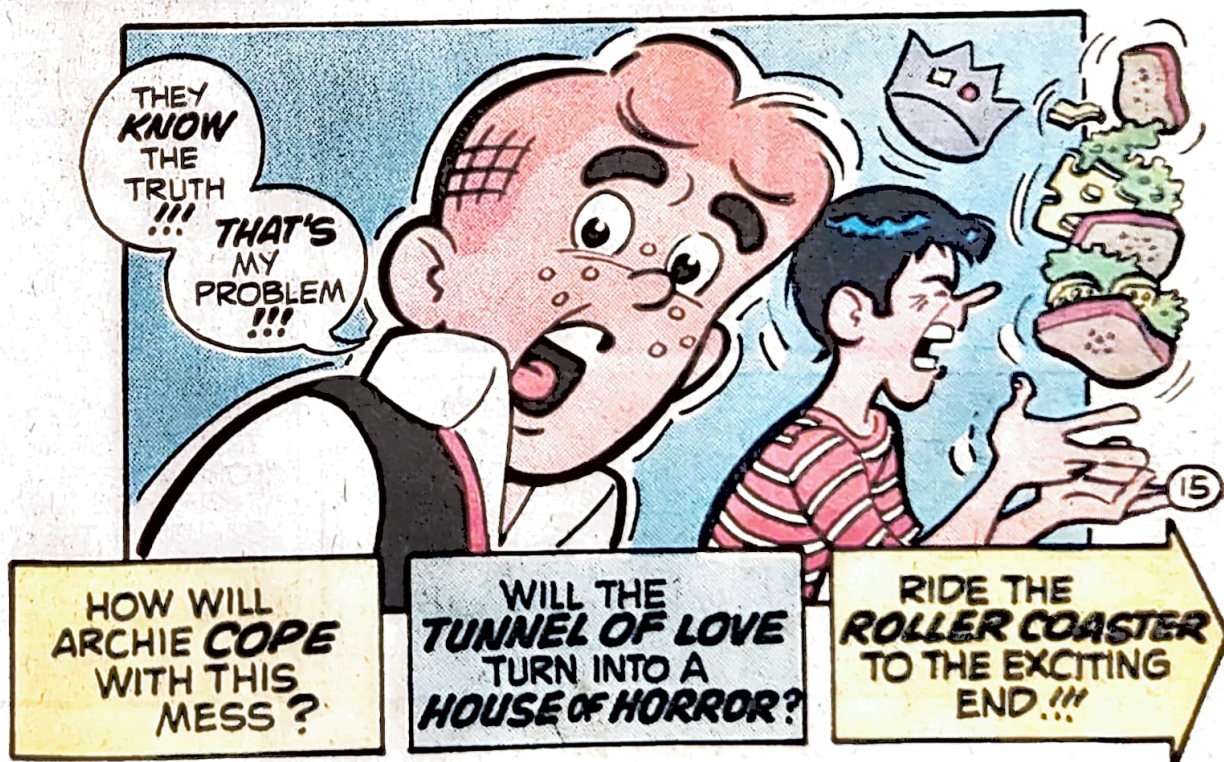
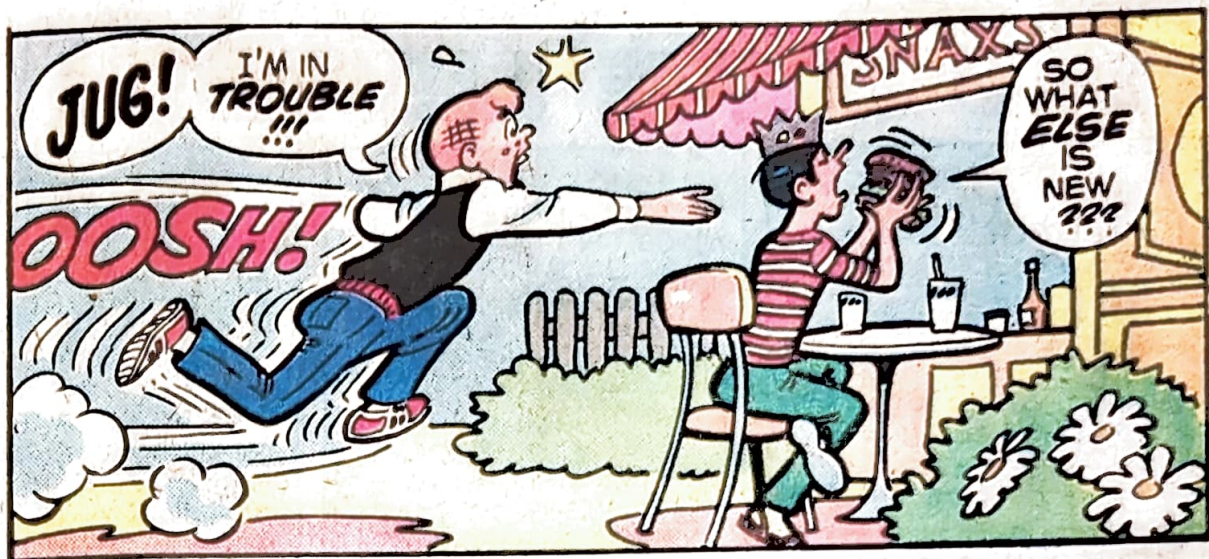
HALL OF MIRRORS !!!











SPECIAL SECTION! SPECIAL SECTION! SPECIAL SECTION! YOU WRITE LETTERS...

SOME OF MY FRIENDS ARE INTO DRUGS, AND WE'VE GOT A REAL TUG-OF-WAR GOING ON! THEY'RE TRYING TO HOOK ME, AND I'M TRYING TO GET THEM OFF THE STUFF. I NEED LOTS OF PRAYER AND MY FRIENDS NEED IT EVEN MORE!

SCOTT B.
N.Y.C.

LORD, PLEASE KEEP SCOTT STRONG ENOUGH TO STAND UP AGAINST THE TEMPTATION TO GO ALONG WITH THE GANG. HELP SCOTT'S FRIENDS TO SEE THAT YOUR WAY IS A SUPER HIGHWAY, BUT DRUGS ARE A DEAD END!

MY FOLKS DON'T GO TO CHURCH, AND I DON'T THINK THEY EVER PRAY TOGETHER. PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM BECAUSE I KNOW THEY'RE NOT HAPPY.

ROGER
MOBILE, ALA.

LORD, PLEASE GIVE ROGER'S FOLKS THE DESIRE TO GO TO CHURCH. LET THEM LEARN THE POWER OF PRAYER AND THE JOY OF WORSHIPING YOU TOGETHER.

I WAS NEVER CLUED INTO THE BIBLE UNTIL I STARTED TO READ SPIRE COMICS. NOW I'M AMAZED AT HOW EXCITING THE BIBLE IS! IT REALLY HELPS ME TO UNDERSTAND WHAT LIFE IS ALL ABOUT!

BETSY B.
ENID, OKLA.

MY UNCLE HAS A COMIC COLLECTION LIKE YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE. MY AUNT SAYS IT TAKES UP TOO MUCH ROOM AND SHE'S MAD. THEY DON'T GET ALONG TOO WELL. PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM.

KIM S.
CLOUIS, CA.

GOD, WE KNOW THAT COMIC COLLECTIONS ARE WORTH GOOD MONEY, BUT A HAPPY WIFE IS WORTH MORE. PLEASE HELP KIM'S AUNT AND UNCLE TO GET THEIR VALUES IN ORDER. AND THANK YOU FOR A NIECE WHO CARES.

I'M A HIGH-SCHOOL TEACHER AND I LOVE MR. WEATHERBEE. SOME OF MY STUDENTS BRING SPIRE COMICS TO SCHOOL AND I FIND THEM A VERY POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN A WORLD FULL OF SICK MAGAZINES.

GERALD S.
FT. MYERS, FLA.

LORD, HELP US TO ALWAYS RECOGNIZE GOOD FROM BAD. HELP US TO BE ON THE SIDE OF RIGHT AND AGAINST ALL THAT IS WRONG.

LORD, THANK YOU FOR THE TRUTH AND REALITY OF YOUR WORD. HELP US ALL TO READ THE BIBLE EVERY DAY, AND THEN TO LIVE OUR LIVES IN A WAY PLEASING TO YOU!

I KNOW HOW BIG ETHEL FEELS. I'M NOT GOOD-LOOKING EITHER, AND IT HURTS! IT'S HARD TO FORGET WHAT I SEE IN THE MIRROR, AND SOME PEOPLE THINK IT'S FUNNY TO MAKE JOKES ABOUT ME!

VERA
HOUSTON, TEX.

LORD, PLEASE HELP VERA TO KNOW THAT YOU LOVE HER FOR WHAT SHE IS... NOT FOR HOW SHE LOOKS! THE PRETTIEST BODIES WILL ALL GET OLD AND DECAY. OUR SPIRITS LIVE FOREVER. THANK YOU FOR ETERNAL LIFE IN JESUS!

MY FOLKS WANT A DIVORCE, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME! IF THEY WOULD THINK ABOUT GOD, THEY WOULDN'T BE SO SELFISH, AND MAYBE OUR FAMILY COULD BE SAVED!

TINA
OWENSBORO, KY.

FATHER, WE PRAY THAT TINA'S FAMILY WILL NOT DESTROY ITSELF! PLEASE TAKE AWAY WHATEVER IS CAUSING THE TROUBLE. TEACH THEM THE GRACE OF FORGIVENESS. OPEN THEIR EYES TO THE BEAUTY OF THE LIVING RELATIONSHIP THEY CAN HAVE WITH YOU AND WITH EACH OTHER!

SPECIAL SECTION! SPECIAL SECTION! SPECIAL SECTION! GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS!

MY FRIENDS LIKE TO COME OVER TO MY HOUSE TO READ MY SPIRE COMICS. SOMETIMES THEY TAKE MY COMICS HOME AND I DON'T GET THEM BACK! MY MOTHER SAYS THAT'S OKAY AND JUST BUYS ME MORE SPIRE COMICS. MOM SAYS THAT ANYONE WHO READS SPIRE COMICS IS BOUND TO BECOME A BETTER PERSON, AND SHE WANTS ME TO HAVE GOOD FRIENDS.

BEN K.
HAVRE, MONT.

DEAR LORD, WE THANK YOU THAT YOUR WORD ALWAYS HAS AN IMPACT ON LIVES--- EVEN THROUGH COMIC BOOKS!

I'M IN THE NAVY! AND THE MORE I SEE OTHER COUNTRIES, THE MORE I THANK GOD FOR AMERICA. I THINK AMERICA IS GREAT BECAUSE IT'S DEDICATED TO GOD. I'M SURE GLAD THAT EVERY SPIRE COMIC REMINDS US HOW GREAT GOD IS!

DICK M.
PACIFIC FLEET

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR OUR BELOVED COUNTRY. WE PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS AND ALL OUR PEOPLE. MAY WE ALWAYS BE THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE!

I'VE BEEN PRAYING FOR SOMETHING FOR OVER A YEAR, AND IT SEEMED THAT GOD WASN'T LISTENING! BUT HE JUST ANSWERED MY PRAYERS IN A REALLY NEAT WAY. I NEVER COULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THE FANTASTIC WAY GOD SOLVED MY PROBLEM. I'M GLAD I HAD THE PATIENCE AND FAITH TO KEEP PRAYING.

BARB N.
PHOENIX, ARIZ.

LORD, HELP US ALL TO KNOW THAT YOU ALWAYS HEAR AND ANSWER OUR PRAYERS WHEN WE PRAY ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL.

I LIKE TO DRAW AND WANT TO BECOME AN ARTIST! I BELIEVE GOD GAVE ME MY TALENT, AND I WANT TO GIVE IT BACK TO HIM! PLEASE PRAY THAT GOD WILL GIVE ME OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE HIM AS AN ARTIST!

KEN F.
DAYTON, O.

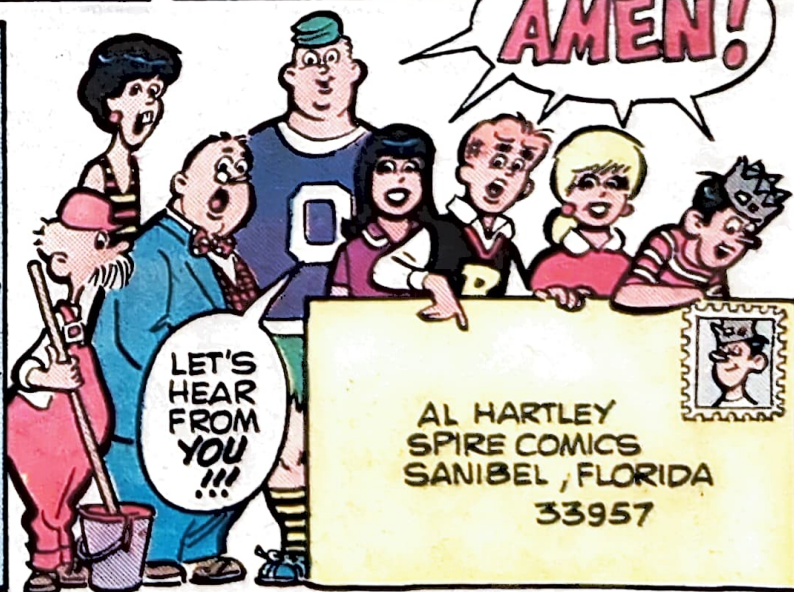
GOD, YOU ARE THE AUTHOR OF CREATION. PLEASE BLESS KEN WITH A FRUITFUL CAREER IN ART AS HE COMMITS HIS TALENT TO YOU!

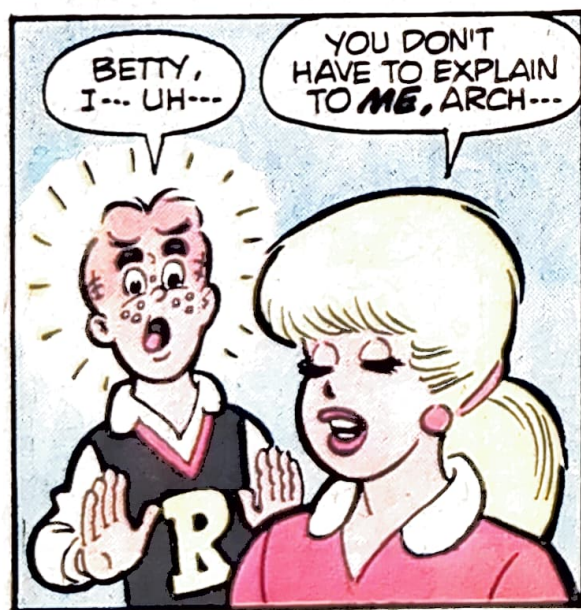
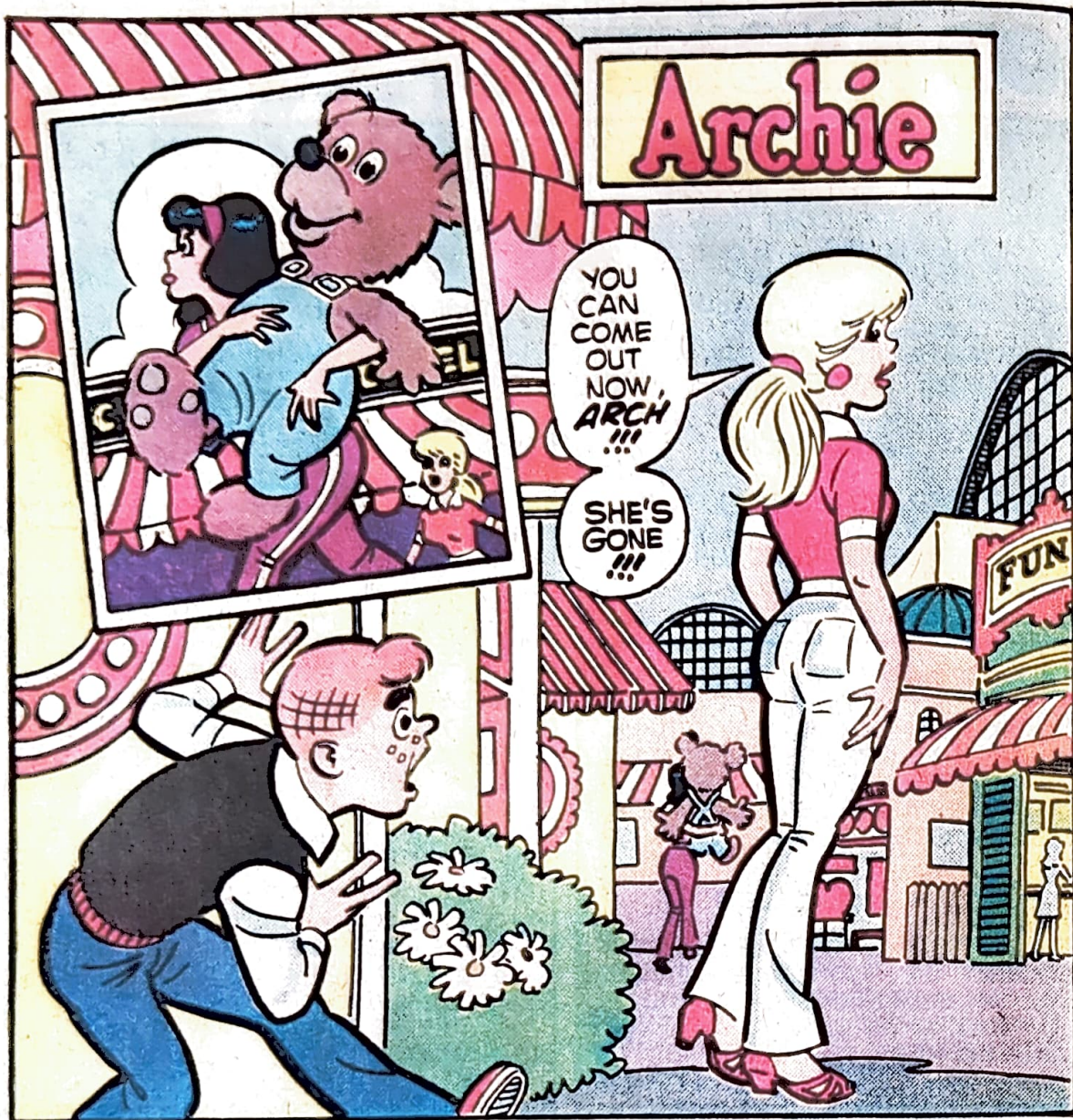
I LIKE THE WAY SPIRE COMICS ARE FUN, BUT THEY ALSO BRING THINGS DOWN TO EARTH! I MEAN THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS IN LIFE THAT PUZZLE ME. YOUR COMICS ANSWER MY QUESTIONS AND GIVE ME REAL HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. THANKS FOR BEING FAITHFUL TO GOD!

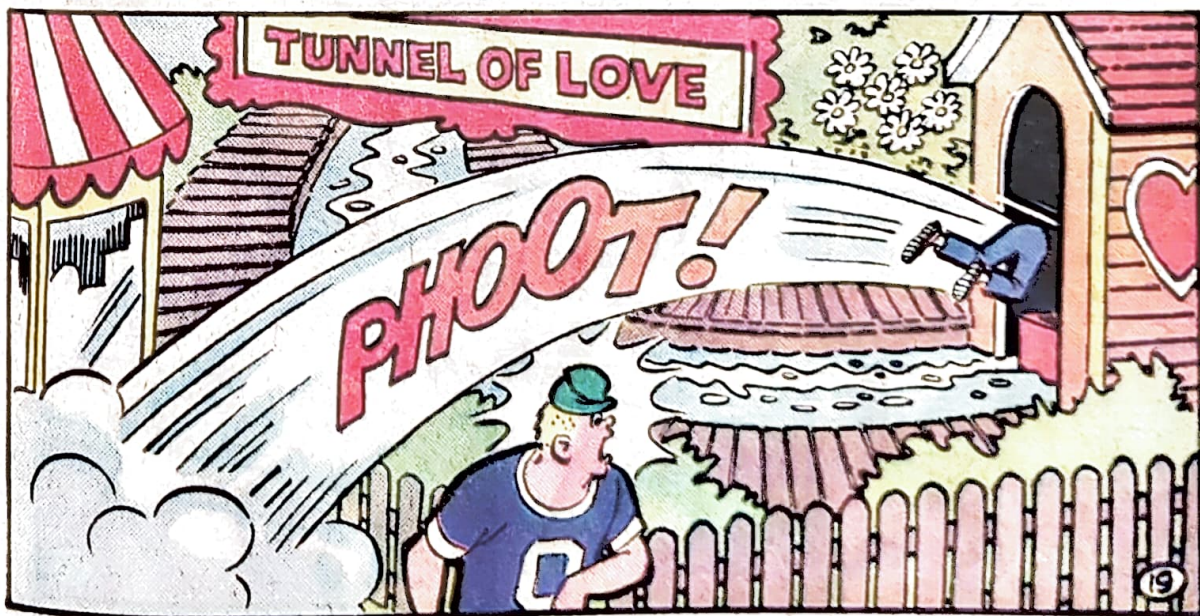
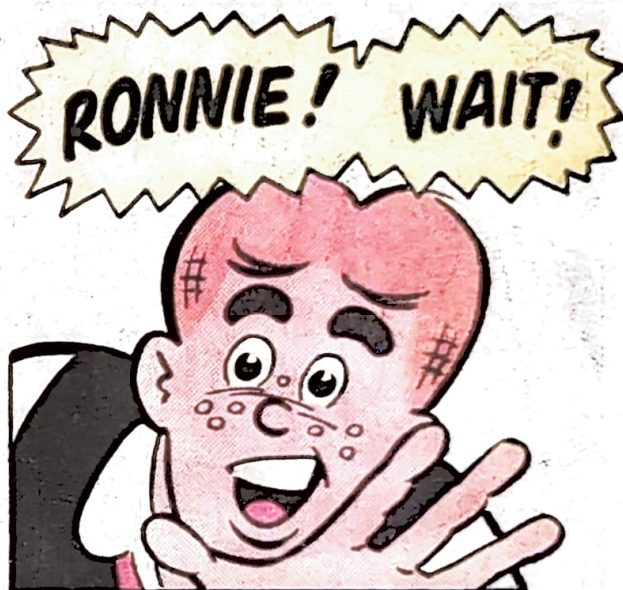
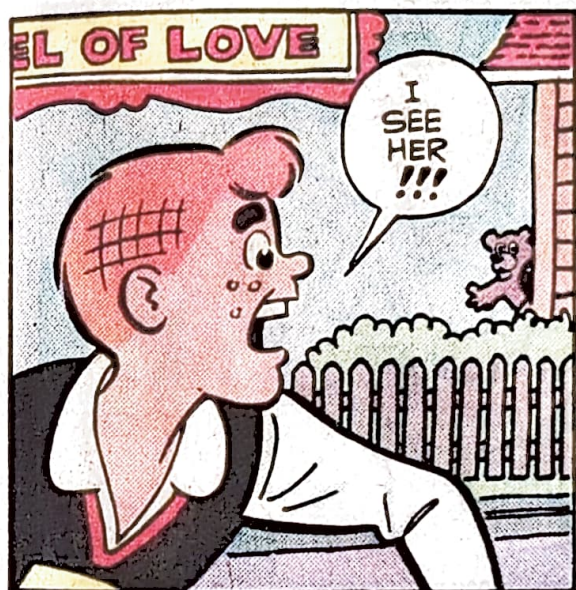
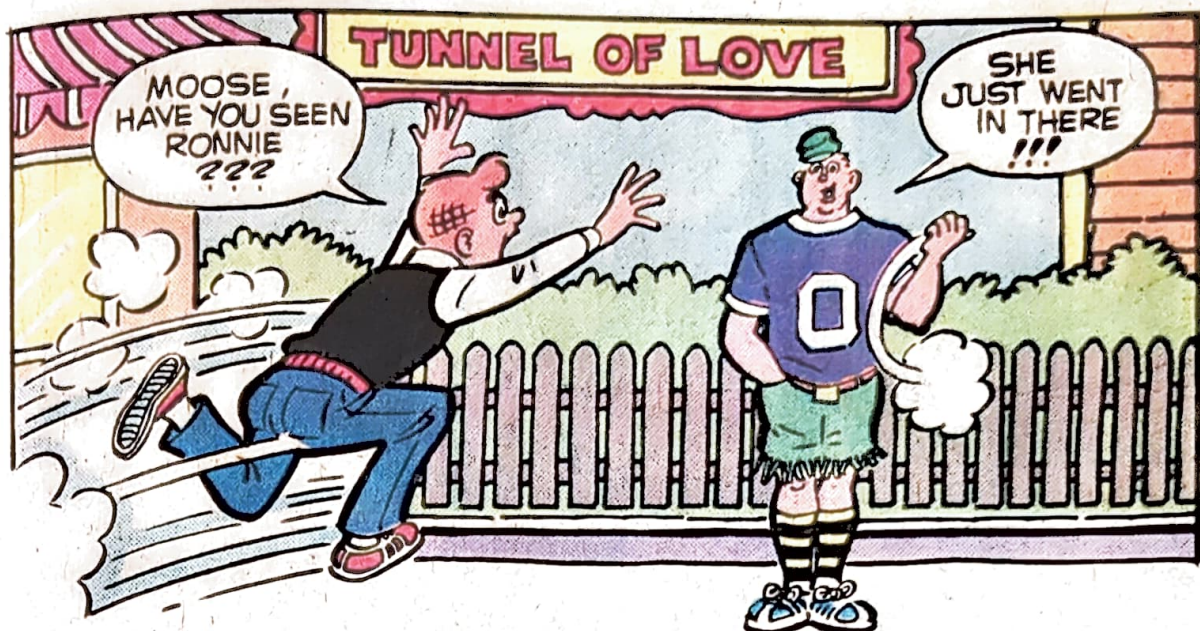
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CASPER, WYO.

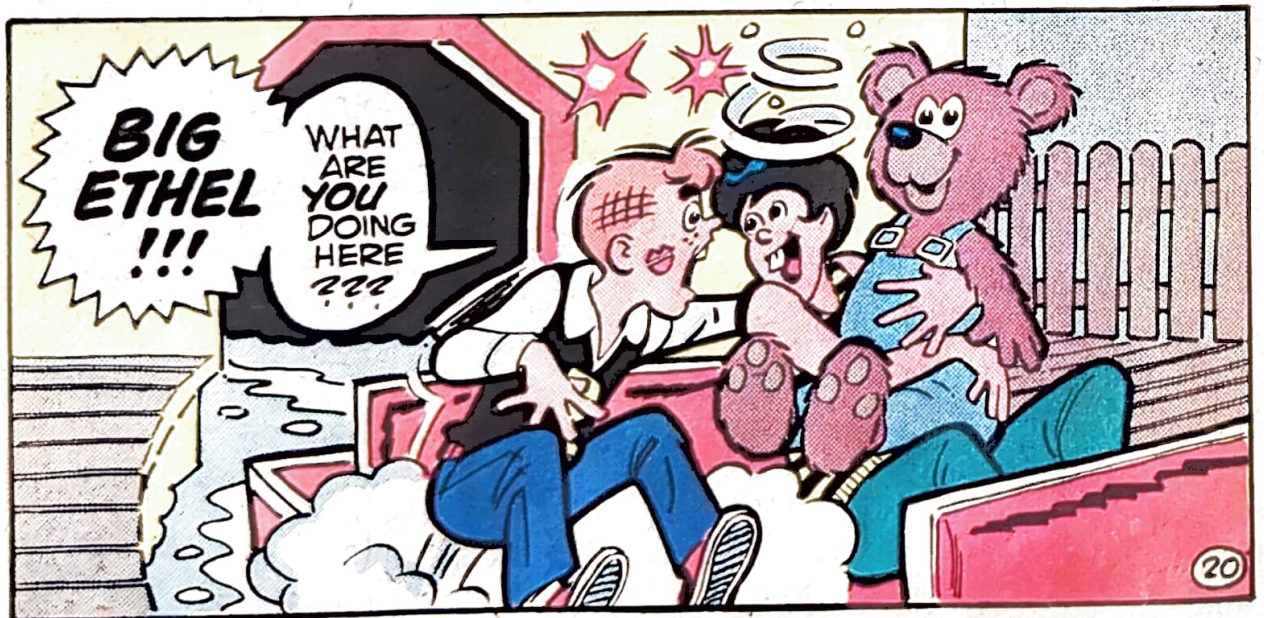
LORD, HELP US TO KNOW YOUR PLAN FOR OUR LIVES--- THAT YOU WANT TO SHARE EVERY DAY WITH US. HELP US TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE NOT REALLY LIVING UNTIL WE KNOW JESUS AS OUR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOUR!

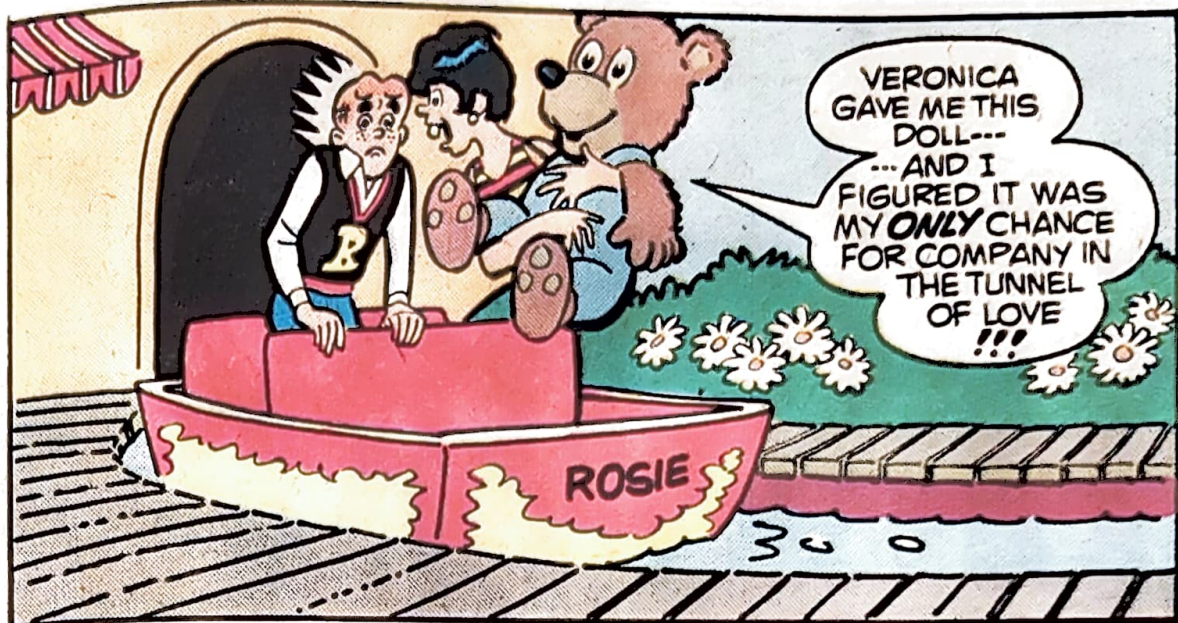
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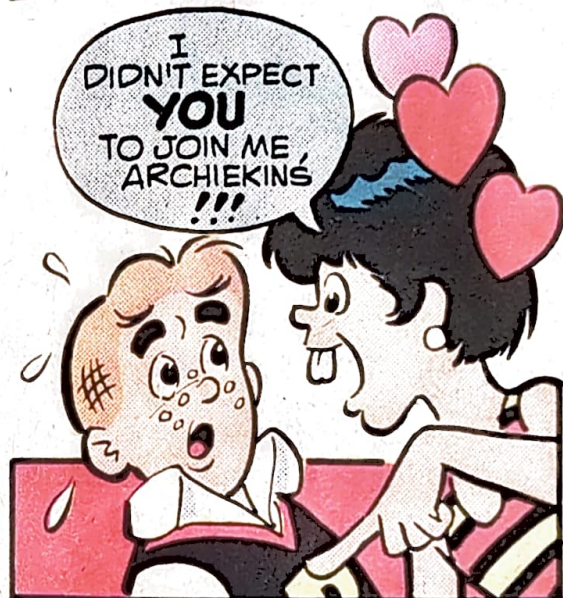








VERONICA
GAVE ME THIS
DOLL---
...AND I
FIGURED IT WAS
MY **ONLY** CHANCE
FOR COMPANY IN
THE TUNNEL
OF LOVE
!!!



I
DIDN'T EXPECT
YOU
TO JOIN ME,
ARCHIEKIN'S
!!!



WHERE
SHALL WE GO
NEXT?

EXCUSE
ME, BIG
ETHEL!

ZIP!



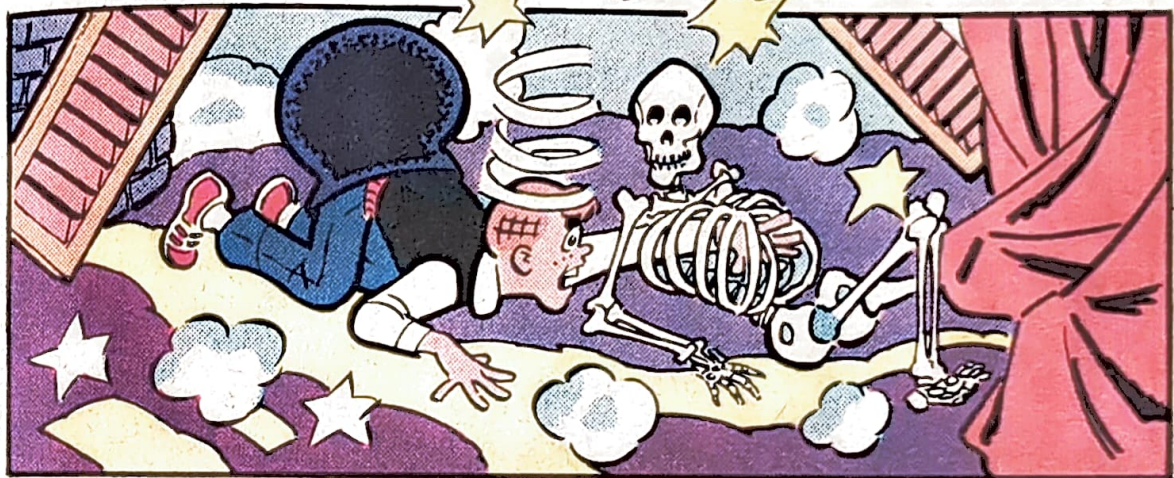
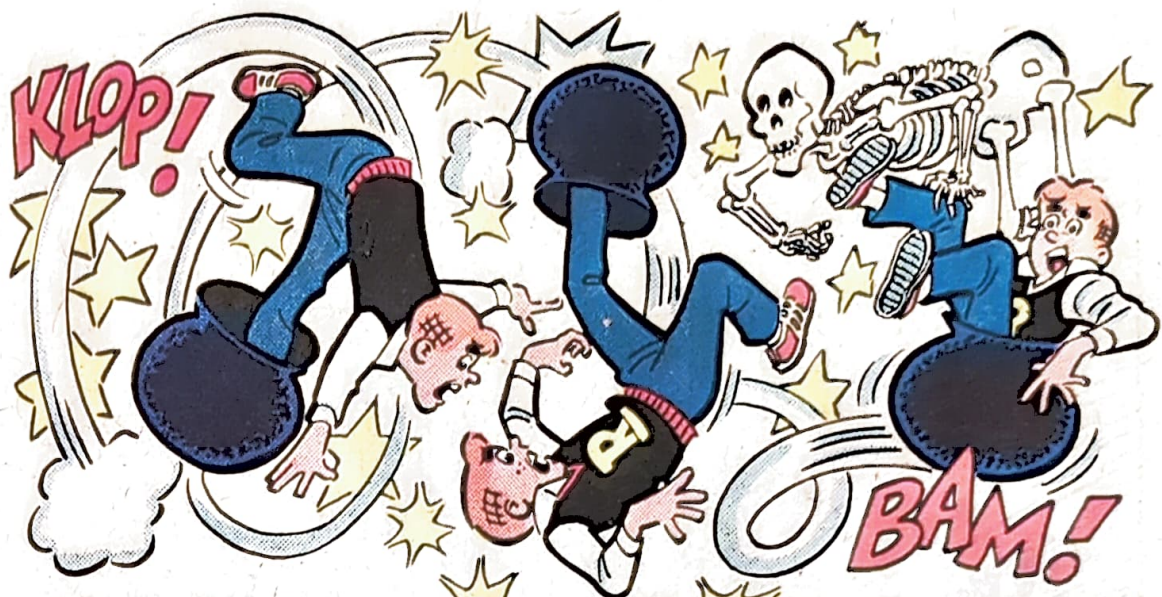
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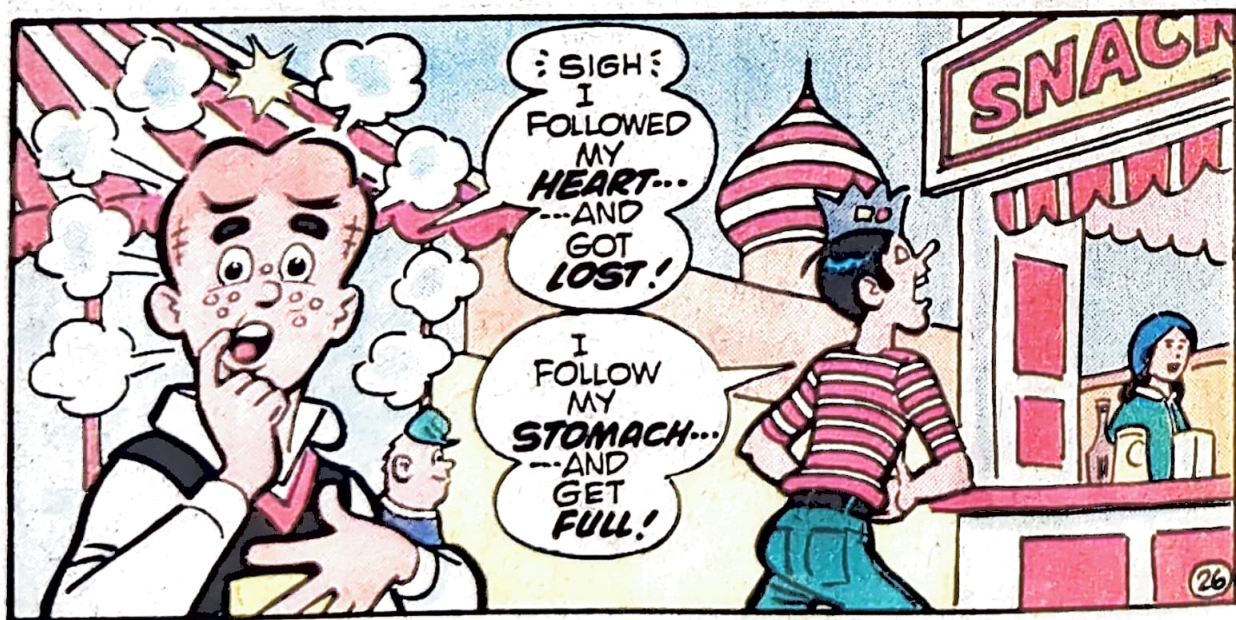
I'VE
FOUND THE
**ULTIMATE
SNACK!**
ARCH.











JUG, YOU
JUST DON'T
KNOW ABOUT
GIRLS!

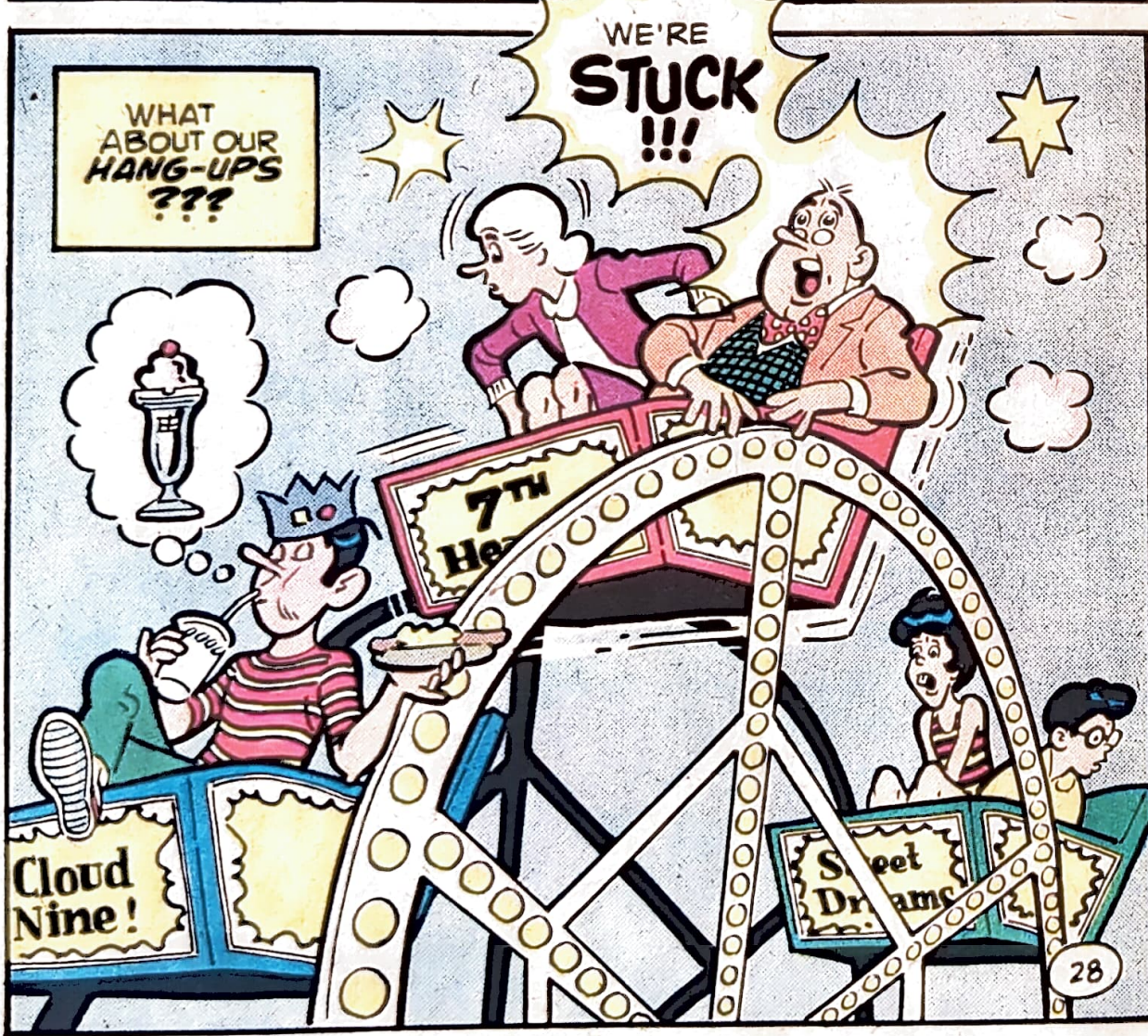
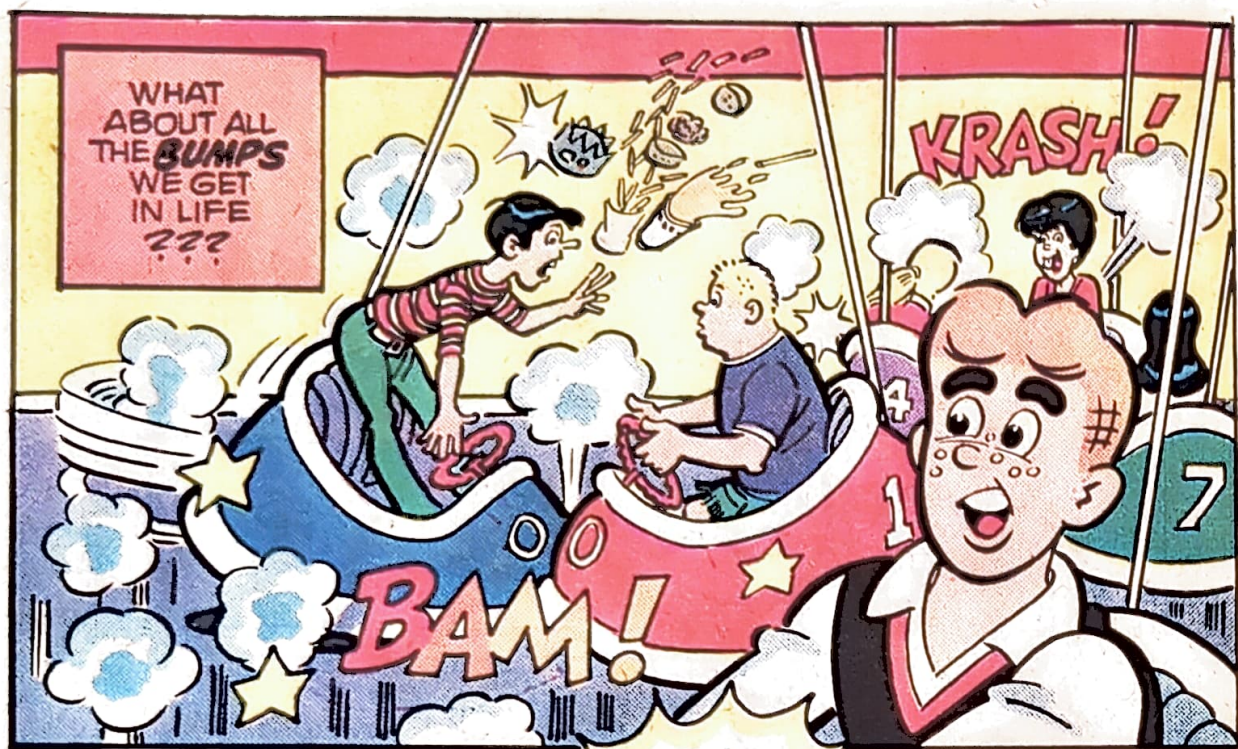
AND
YOU DON'T
KNOW ABOUT
FOOD!

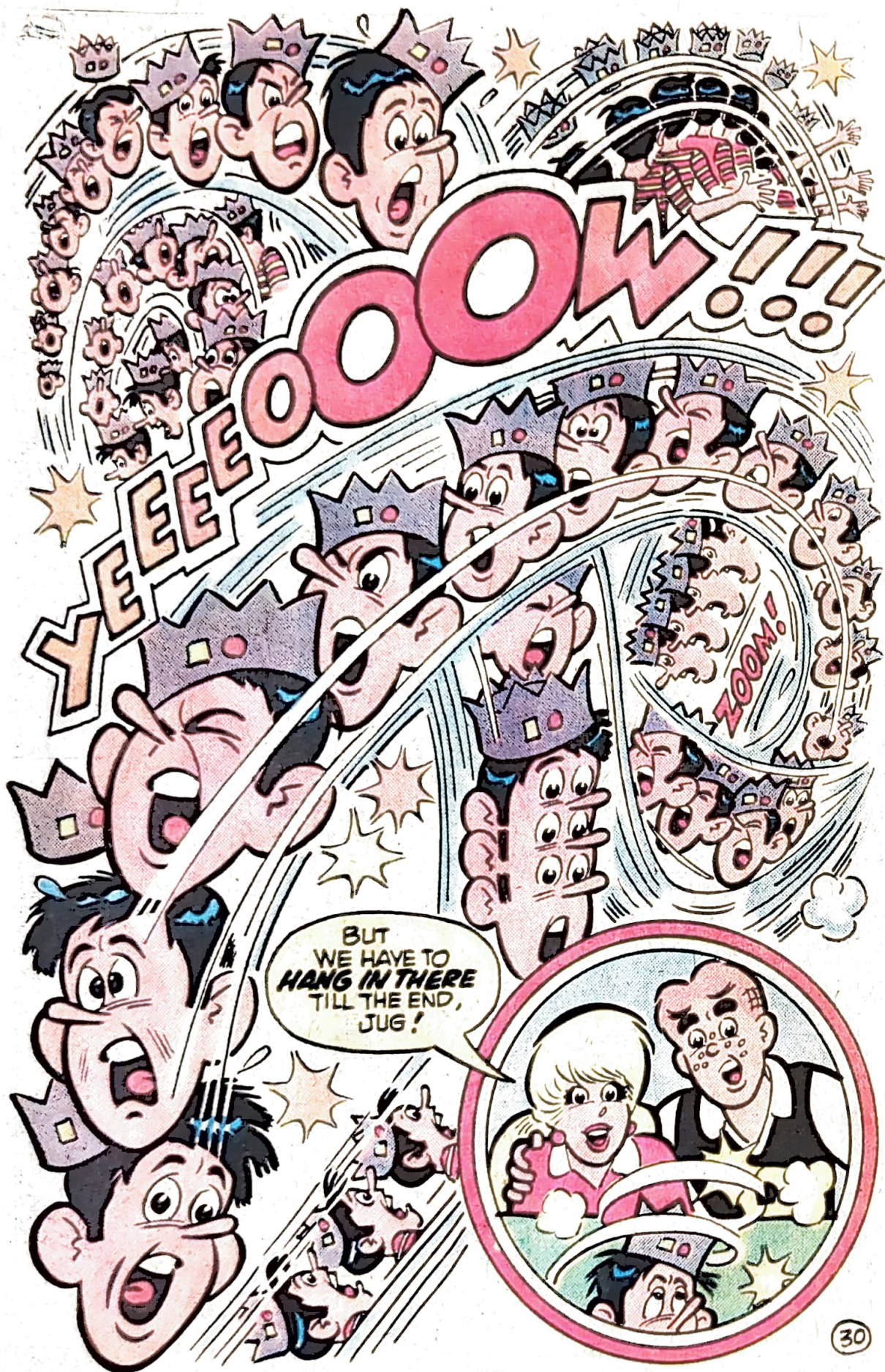


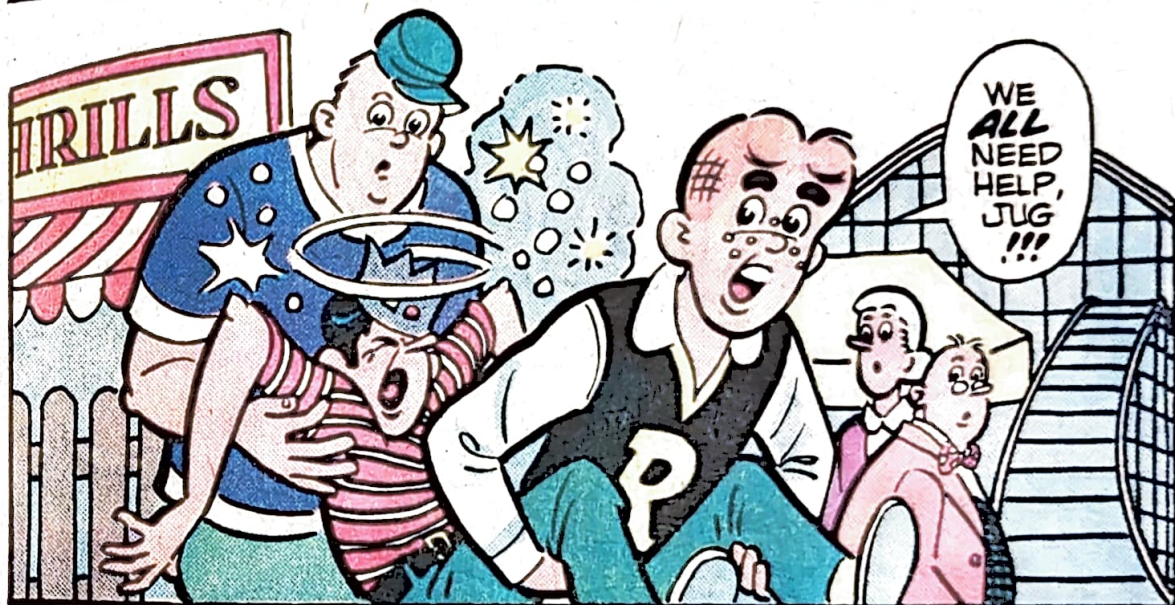
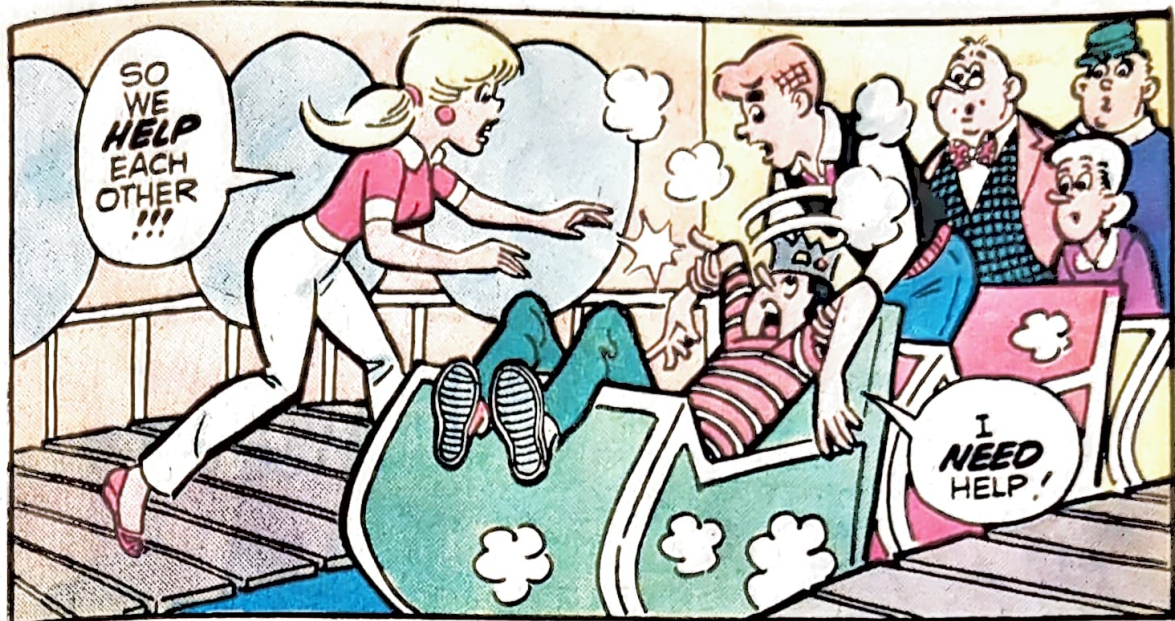
AND
WHAT DO WE
KNOW ABOUT
LIFE?

IS LIFE
JUST A
GIANT
**MERRY-
GO-
ROUND
???**









HE
SHOWS
US
TRUTH---
NOT
FANTASY
!!!

HE'S
WITH US
IN THE
HIGH
SPOTS---AND
THE
LOW
SPOTS
!!!

HE
TAKES AWAY
FEAR!

HE DOESN'T
WANT US TO
GO AROUND
IN CIRCLES!

HE
GIVES
REAL
LOVE
!!!

Jesus



Al
Hartley



THE *BEST* FOR YOU!



YOU AND I SHARE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THROUGH SPIRE COMICS! WE ENJOY ALL THE THINGS THAT MAKE COMICS EXCITING... PLUS THE EXTRAS THAT FILL THE SPIRE SERIES... PRAYER, FAITH AND A REAL DESIRE TO SEEK GOD'S BEST FOR OUR LIVES!

WE TAKE A SLICE OF LIFE IN EACH ISSUE AND PUT IT ALONGSIDE GOD'S WORD, AND WE SEE HOW PERFECTLY THE BIBLE FITS OUR LIVES!



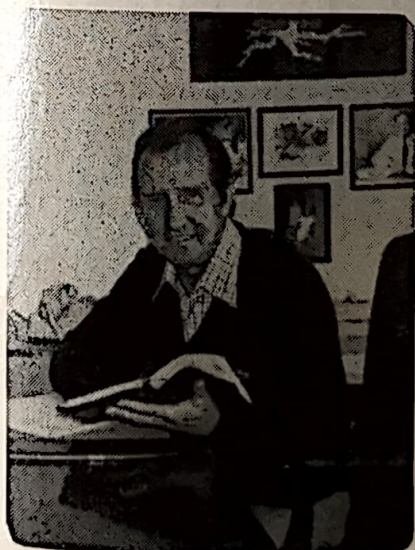
GOD LOVES YOU! HE WANTS THE BEST FOR YOU!

- GOD CREATED YOU AND GAVE YOU **FREEDOM OF CHOICE!**
- YOU'RE FREE TO ACCEPT GOD'S LOVE, OR **REJECT IT!**
- ACCEPTING GOD'S LOVE BRINGS JOY, PEACE AND ETERNAL LIFE!
- REJECTING GOD'S LOVE BRINGS TROUBLE AND CONFLICT!
- GOD KNOWS ALL ABOUT YOUR LIFE STYLE AND YOUR MISTAKES!
- GOD SENT JESUS TO FORGIVE YOU AND TAKE AWAY YOUR GUILT!
- JESUS MAKES YOU THE KIND OF PERSON GOD KNOWS YOU CAN BE!

GOD'S PROMISE:

"WHEN JESUS COMES INTO YOUR LIFE, YOU BECOME A BRAND-NEW PERSON. EVERYTHING CHANGES FOR THE BETTER! A NEW LIFE BEGINS!"

SEE 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



YOU CAN PRAY THIS PRAYER RIGHT NOW... AND KNOW HOW MUCH GOD WANTS TO BLESS YOU!

GOD, I WANT YOUR LOVE AND FORGIVENESS! (CONFESS YOUR SINS TO GOD) PLEASE HELP ME TO LET JESUS BECOME MY LORD AND SAVIOUR. I WANT YOUR BEST FOR MY LIFE. AMEN

YOU'LL FIND IT HELPFUL TO READ THE BIBLE EVERY DAY! * WHEN YOU PRAY, GIVE GOD A CHANCE TO SPEAK TO YOU! ATTEND CHURCH AND JOIN A BIBLE-STUDY GROUP. THE MORE YOU KNOW ABOUT GOD'S PROMISES, THE MORE YOU'LL KNOW HIS BEST FOR YOUR LIFE!

*Trust God
and He will
bless you!*

*Al
Huntley*

* START BY READING THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



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